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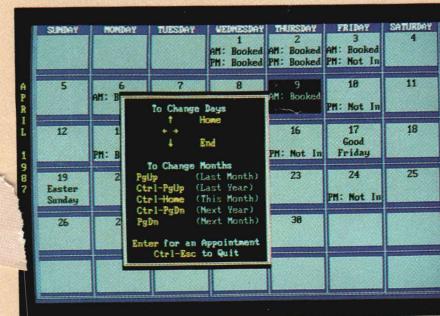
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by Russell Nelson

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by Robert D. Grapell

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by Allen Holub

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by Ray Duncan

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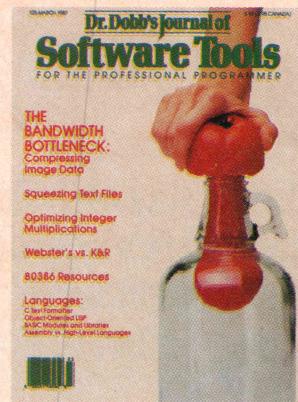
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This Issue

Given a fixed-capacity channel and a quantity of information to transfer, how do you move more information down the channel per unit of time than the channel will support? That apparently impossible challenge is the bandwidth problem, a topic that we intend to address in various ways throughout 1987. The expanded, extended, or otherwise enlarged memory space of today's microcomputers, in conjunction with the processing power of CPUs such as the 80386 and 68020, only makes the information bottlenecks in computer systems all the more apparent. Two solutions to the bandwidth dilemma lead off this issue.

Next Issue

In the area of artificial intelligence, expert systems are now old hat. The next area of growth in AI must be in techniques that allow the program to acquire new information—to learn. Our annual AI issue will include an implementation of a classic expert system, but it will also look forward with an example of software that mirrors the structure of the brain and learns by experience, much as clusters of neurons may learn.

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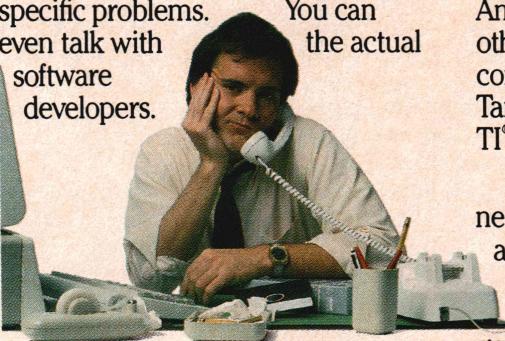
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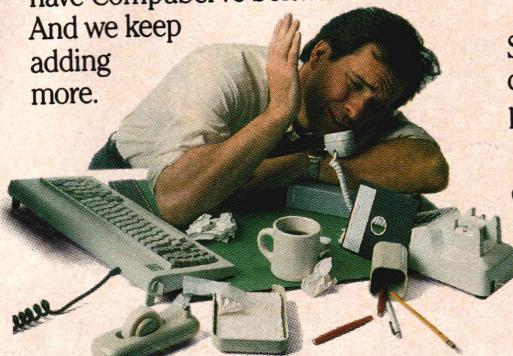
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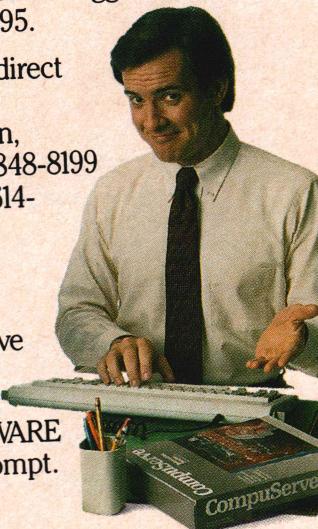
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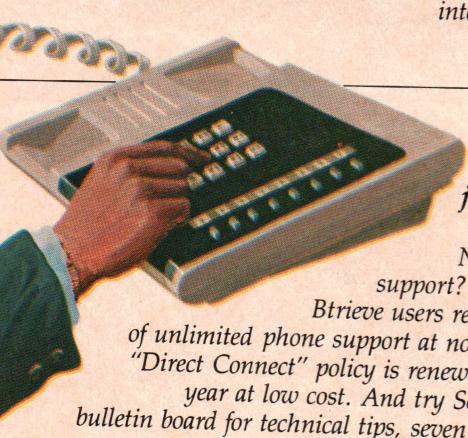
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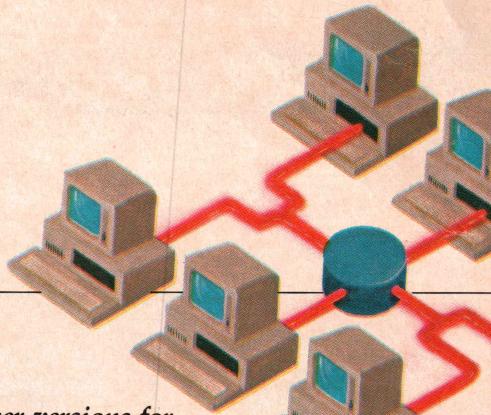


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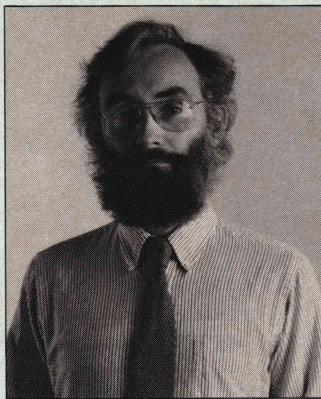
EDITORIAL

Looking back, I can see that it was shortly after I started commuting from Santa Cruz into Silicon Valley that I began to see the importance of the bandwidth problem. Squeezing in with thousands of other commuters through the mountain pass to fight my way across Silicon Valley and up crowded Highway 101 got me thinking about channel capacity.

There are interesting similarities and relationships between transportation bottlenecks and the information-transmission bottlenecks that I believe represent the greatest challenge for programmers in the next decade. Just as data can be organized into packets, commuters can be packed up in trains or car pools to increase their transmission rate and decrease the frequency of collisions. The vehicular capacity of a highway really is a form of channel bandwidth. And anyone who has fallen into a web of one-way streets such as Berkeley's has something to say about network topology.

Relationships between transportation and communication are important when you consider trading one off against the other. At *DDJ* we have been, in a limited way, exploring the benefits of telecommuting. (I'm referring to the exchange of the costly movement of bodies for the lower-cost transmission of bits—not driving with a telephone at your ear, which so many of my fellow commuters are doing and which could also be called telecommuting.) I'm skeptical about how closely people can work together at physical long distance, but I'm willing to experiment because the cost of transportation, particularly the cost in time, is so great.

That cost will not go down, the world's transportation bottlenecks are only going to get worse, and there



is little to indicate that anyone is thinking very hard about what technological fixes there may be.

It would seem that we are closer to solutions to communications bottlenecks: we have seen the development of communications satellites, computer networks, and sophisticated routing software for voice and data. The picture phones of science fiction exist today. (See Swaine's *Flames*, page 152.)

In contrast, science fiction's visions of future transportation are further from realization. I did recently drive a car equipped with an impressive computerized navigation system from Etak Inc., of Menlo Park, but innovation like this in the area of consumer transportation is rare. Cars are still cars, highways are still highways, and traffic is still a battleground of a thousand conflicting desires. Maybe society can no longer afford the luxury of our current driving habits in constricted channels like Highway 101, and cars and highways should be modified to permit centralized control and routing. It's not such a radically ambitious notion, given the context of *Star Wars*, and it's a lot more down-to-earth.

This little peninsula with its runaway population growth and its wealth of technical expertise seems like the ideal place for the experiment to begin.

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al computer had even initialized its variables. Watch these pages for more about this exciting new field.

This issue marks the introduction of a new theme for *DDJ*. As the speed and storage of computers increase more and more rapidly, it becomes increasingly important to be able to move large quantities of information from one computer to another. We have advanced fiber-optic cables and satellite microwave links, but we also have an exponential growth in the amount of information being sent. The problem is one of bandwidth—the capacity of the communication channels is not growing as rapidly as the need to communicate.

We'll be looking at the bandwidth problem from several different perspectives. In this issue Ronald White describes graphical quadtrees, a way to compress image data, sometimes dramatically. We also have a comparative review of four public-domain archiving programs. Archived files are files that have been compressed through the elimination of redundant data. Such files can be transmitted faster over modem lines, and because of this, archive programs have become popular on computer bulletin-board systems.

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Nick Turner
editor

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Programming Ethics

Dear *DDJ*,

I've just read Allen Holub's December Viewpoint and was pleased to see him make his position known to the world. It's not an easy thing to do. I'm sure he'll receive letters criticizing his position.

On that note, allow me to introduce PeaceNet, an international computer network dedicated to improving communication between people worldwide on the issues of peace. PeaceNet is in need of programmer support, and anything readers can do, either directly or indirectly, would be helpful. PeaceNet is running on a Unix system (a Plexus P-60 [68000-based] to be exact) and is accessible through Telenet and via direct dial (Palo Alto, California).

In December, PeaceNet had more than 700 users and was gaining more than 100 per month. We have conferences on many important issues as well as "action alerts" and activity calendars. Readers interested in finding out more should call (415) 486-0624.

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Dear *DDJ*,
I am responding to Allen Holub's Viewpoint in *DDJ*, December 1986. First, let me say, "bravo, Allen"; then let me say, "I disagree."

I say bravo because Allen states that he has examined the issues of working on defense contracts and that he feels he cannot live with his

conscience if he performs this kind of work. He also states that "there are people who have thought about these issues and have come to the opposite conclusion." I am one of these people, hence I disagree. He feels these people are wrong but that they are acting according to their beliefs in working on defense projects. He says he has his problem with people who refuse to look at the issues and work on defense projects anyway. I agree.

I am one of the people who has examined the issues and feels that defense work is a necessary activity in this world today. Although I wish that we were living in that time when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4), we have Armageddon to face between here and there. I agree that defense work is a grave-digging activity: the enemy's grave. Not to engage in defense is a grave-digging lack of activity: our own grave. I cannot think of abstinence from defense work as other than suicide.

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Dear *DDJ*,

After reading Mr. Holub's article in the December issue of *DDJ*, I felt I could not remain silent. I must disagree with Mr. Holub's opinions about nuclear weapons and whether or not an engineer could change this.

Assume just for the moment that all engineers agreed with him. Then what? Do we want a nonengineer cobbling together our weapons? Would that make us feel safer?

He said that if we didn't design them, they wouldn't exist. If all the ethical engineers in this country were to walk out on their defense contracts, do you know who would fill in for them? The unethical engineers.

I agree that we shouldn't sit around and wait for the bombs to be dropped. All of us, independent of our profession, should be much more politically aware—aware of the issues, who we vote for, and what we can do. That is the task we need to follow as humans, not as engineers, to make the world a better, safer place to live.

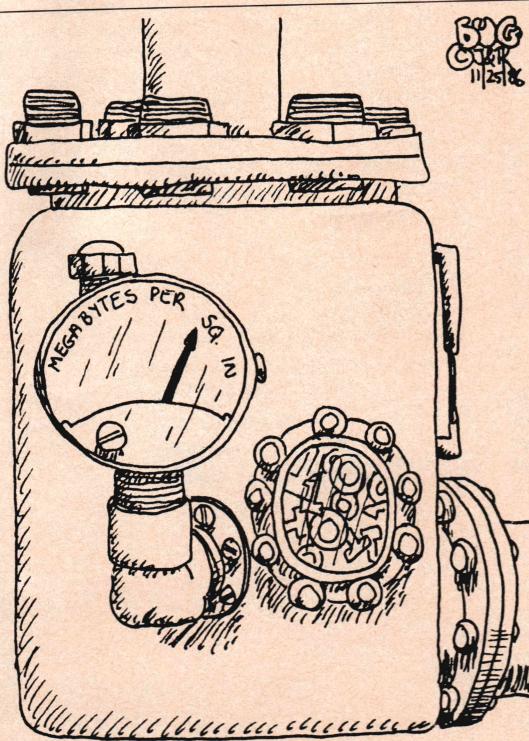
I had a course in engineering ethics as well as an advanced philosophy course on ethics. I agree that these courses should be required of all engineering majors. The "tools" that you gain from these courses are just as important as everything else an engineer must learn.

Dave Podolske
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Dear *DDJ*,
Thanks to Allen Holub for writing his article about his personal decision not to work on weapons. I am gladdened whenever someone of his technical prowess speaks up on this issue.

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Social Responsibility, that deals with these issues. Its address is Box 717, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Also, the ACM SIGSOFT and SIGART publish related information.

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Dear DDJ,

Thank you and congratulations for running Allen Holub's Viewpoint on programming ethics. It says a lot for DDJ's position on the forefront of software technology in particular and thought in general, regardless of where one stands on the guns and butter debate.

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Dear DDJ,

I enjoyed reading Allen Holub's December article concerning the choices that engineers and programmers make in determining the effect of the work that they do upon society. It appears that we are primarily concerned with the intellectual challenge and financial rewards of our technical careers and that we seldom think about the effect of our work on society as a whole.

However, I think that the following is evidence that people are also concerned with the moral aspects of their work: There is a tendency for technical people working in the defense industry to be paid more than people doing nondefense-related work. A large part of the reason for the pay discrepancy is that many people just don't want to work on weapons. In order to make defense-industry work attractive enough to fill the positions, employers are forced to pay more than the market rate to overcome people's natural distaste.

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In Search of a Sine

A number of people who responded to Richard Campbell's article "In Search of a Sine," published in the December 1986 issue, pointed out additional references for transcendental algo-

rithms. Following is a list taken from the letters.—eds.

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Dear DDJ,

Regarding the article "In Search of a Sine," I would like to point out that the Taylor's series expansion, although of inestimable value in doing analytical, theoretical work, is in general of little value in computing numerical approximations of a function and is hardly ever used. There is a good reason for this. When expanding a function into its Taylor's series expansion, you choose a reference point upon which to anchor the expansion and then use the series to approximate the function in the vicinity of this point. If, for example, you are interested in approximating $\sin(x)$ (as Mr. Campbell was), you might choose the anchor point $x=0$ and come up with the result:

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots$$

or, in expanded form:

$$\sin(x) = x - 0.166667x^3 + 0.0083333x^5 + \dots$$

It is evident that this approximation produces an exact result at the reference point, $x=0$.

If, however, you choose the refer-

ence point $x=\pi/4$ radians (45°), the resultant series becomes:

$$\sin(x) = -0.00924739 + 1.04438x - 0.0758732x^2 - 0.117851x^3 + \dots$$

This approximation isn't worth beans for $x=0$ but is exact at the reference point—well, exact to within the accuracy of the coefficients, as represented, anyway.

The point is this. The Taylor's series approximation of a function—any function—is exact at the reference point about which it is expanded but gets worse the farther you get from this point. Furthermore, it often gets worse fast! To achieve good overall accuracy, you would have to use many series, each anchored at an appropriate point.

A better way was invented by a clever mathematician named Chebyshev (sometimes spelled Tchebyshev or variant thereof). Instead of approximating a function with a series of powers of x , he whipped up some nifty polynomials in x (called Chebyshev polynomials, what else?) and approximated the function with a series of these polynomials. Of course, all the powers of x in these polynomials eventually combine to produce something looking very much like a Taylor's series, except that the coefficients are slightly different and they have the absolutely lovely property of distributing and bounding the approximation error over the range of the approximation. Not only that, the Chebyshev scheme produces approximations of comparable error to Taylor's but with fewer terms. The process is oftentimes called Chebyshev economization. Without going into the details of why this happens or how to do it (which would require a lengthy article in itself), suffice it to say that if you expand $\sin((\pi/2)x)$ in terms of Chebyshev polynomials and then simplify it, the result is:

$$\sin((\pi/2)x) = 1.5706268x - 0.6432292x^3 + 0.0727102x^5$$

I have used the notation $\text{Sin}()$ to mean an approximation of $\sin()$. This function has a maximum error of about 0.0001 over the range $-1 < x < 1$.

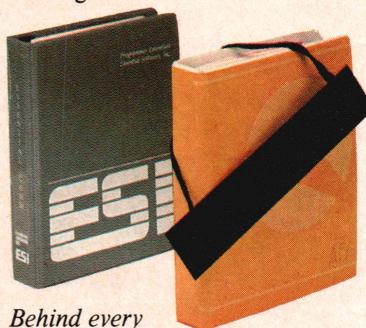


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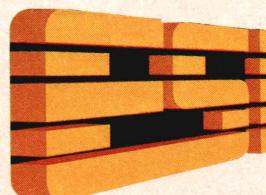
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< 1, which covers the entire first and fourth quadrants. If you require greater accuracy, you can use the approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sin}((\pi/2)x) = & 1.57079631847x \\ & - 0.64596371106x^3 \\ & + 0.07968967928x^5 \\ & - 0.00467376557x^7 \\ & + 0.00015148419x^9 \end{aligned}$$

This approximation is valid over the same range and has a maximum error, which occurs at several places within the range, of about 0.000000005.

Another mathematician named Padé generated a slick way to do the job using the ratio of two polynomials. I'll say nothing more about this technique, except that it works sublimely with certain types of functions.

I would add one last thing in passing. You should never evaluate the polynomial (for example):

$$a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$$

as it stands. You should always arrange it into the nested form:

$$((dx + c)x + b)x + a$$

This form requires fewer multiply instructions, thereby executing faster and producing smaller numerical errors.

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Dear DDJ,

The sine routine given by Richard Campbell in your December issue could be improved. One improvement would be to compute $aa = a^2$ and then compute the sine approximation as:

$$s = (((C4 * aa + C3) * aa + C2) * aa + C1) * a$$

using the same coefficients as before. This nested form of the polynomial accumulates the small terms first and thus reduces the errors due to floating-point rounding. By initially squaring a , you end up doing three

additions and five multiplications.

Another improvement would be to use a ninth-order polynomial instead of a seventh-order one. The sine would then be computed as:

$$s = (((C5 * aa + C4) * aa + C3) * aa + C2) * aa + C1$$

where the coefficients are:

$$\begin{aligned} C1 &= 1.5707963 \\ C2 &= -0.64596371 \\ C3 &= 0.079689679 \\ C4 &= -0.0046737666 \\ C5 &= 0.00015148513 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients published in the December *DDJ* can be found on page 203, item SIN 3340, in *Computer Approximations* (J. Hart et al.), but are given to more precision. The coefficients for the ninth-order polynomial listed above can be found on page 204, item SIN 3341, of the same reference.

A third way to improve the routine would be to use the methods outlined in the two references and develop a program whose accuracy is limited only by the precision of the floating-point representation of the final result.

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Dear DDJ,

Here is some feedback on "In Search of a Sine." Some readers may notice that the coefficients $C1$ through $C4$ are somewhat different from the theoretical coefficients for the Maclaurin's series for the sine function. After truncating a series to a specific number of terms, it is advantageous to cook the coefficients using least-squares curve fitting. Presumably the values given for $C1$ through $C4$ were derived in this manner. Rearranging the sine formula before doing the actual computation would result in fewer operations. The BASIC rendition would be:

$$\begin{aligned} A2 &= A^2 \\ \text{SIN} &= (((C4 * A2 + C3) * A2 + C2) * A2 + C1) * A \end{aligned}$$

and the 32K assembly-language ren-

dition would be:

```
DoSin
  MOVF F3,F1
  MULF F1,F1
  MOVF -0.004362469,F5
  MULF F1,F5
  ADDF 0.07948765,F5
  MULF F1,F5
  ADDF -0.645921,F5
  MULF F1,F5
  ADDF 1.570795,F5
  MULF F5,F3
  RET 0
```

Because the coefficients can be used only by the *DoSin* routine, there is no reason to keep them in a table. Making them immediate operands is more compact, faster, and more readable. When coding for the 32K, you often find that in-line coding is more compact than the looping method. When using the 32K, you must remain alert for opportunities to be liberated from your old habits.

For higher precision, you could further divide the range of A . That is, if A is more than 0.5, you take the cosine of $(1.0 - A)$ using the Maclaurin's series for the cosine:

```
A2 = A^2
COS = (((D4 * A2 + D3) * A2 + D2) * A2
      + D1) * A2 + 1.0
```

In order to realize the higher precision, you would need to recode the coefficients based upon the shorter range.

Another thing to keep in mind when doing math routines for the 32K is that the FPU is very fast; it does a double-precision multiply faster than the operands can be moved in and out of memory. Therefore, the old rule of thumb about the floating-point operation dominating the time is no longer true.

The bugs in the 32K alluded to by Mr. Campbell are almost certainly a thing of the past; if you have a reasonably mature version of the 32K, you should refrain from using any and all addressing modes with floating-point operands.

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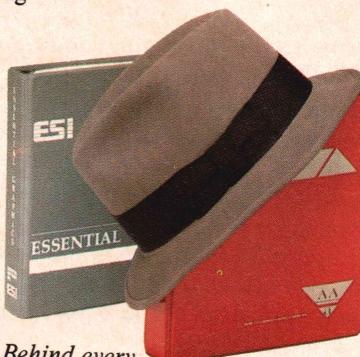
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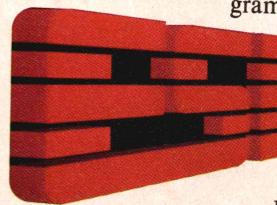
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Compressing Image Data With Quadtrees

by Ronald G. White

A quadtree is a tree data structure in which each node can have four child nodes under it (compared to a binary tree in which each node can have two children). Quadtrees can be used as an efficient representation of graphical information and offer some interesting features. For a graphical quadtree, each node represents a square area of the graphical image and each of its four children represents one quadrant, or one fourth, of its area. These subareas are defined by dividing the original area in two equal halves, left and right, and dividing each of these halves in half, top and bottom. Thus the subareas, or quadrants, are of equal size and are also squares. The root node, called the top node, represents the entire image and has under it four children each representing one fourth of the entire image. This process of division is repeated until each child represents only a single pixel of the original image. If the original image is not a square with the number of pixels on each side being a power of 2, the image has to be filled out to that size with a background color. The bottom nodes, each representing one pixel, are leaf nodes of the tree. (Data structure trees are upside down from actual trees because the root node is said to be on the top and the leaf nodes on the bottom.) All the nodes in the tree at the same distance from the root—that is, having the same number of nodes between them and the root—are said to be on the same level. For graphical quadtrees, the levels are numbered starting from the

When a graphical image is represented by an efficient quadtree, the amount of data can be less than with other representations.

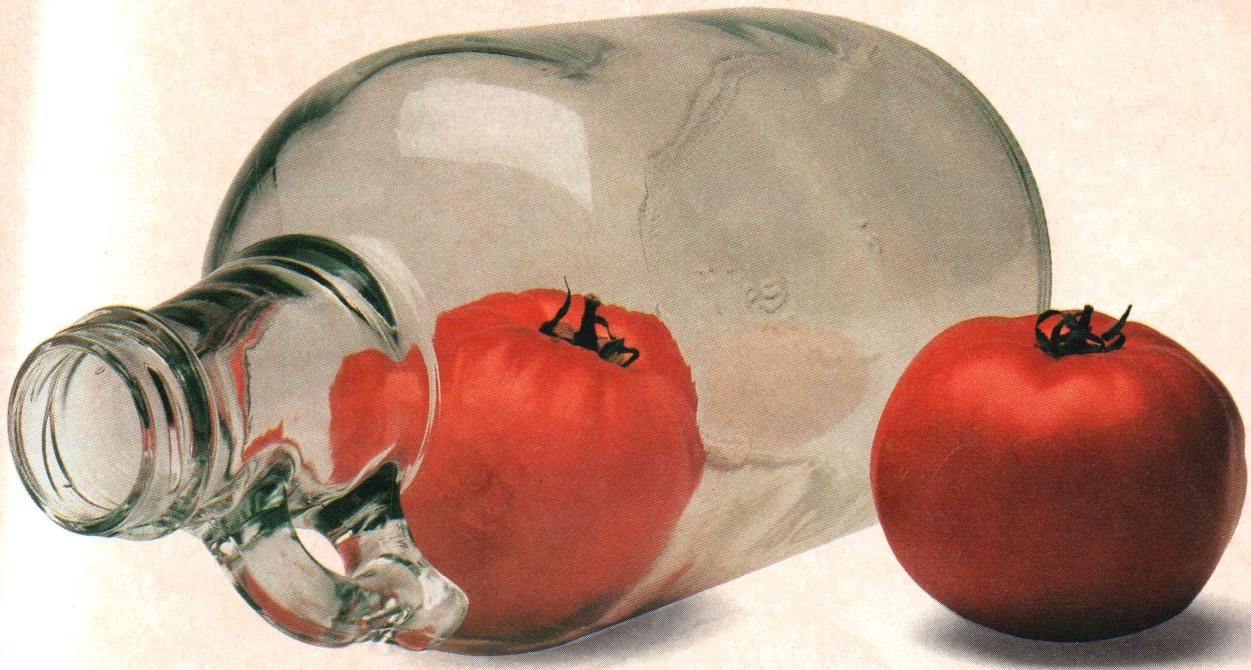
bottom nodes—the leaves—which are at level 0. If the image is $N \times N$ pixels, where $N = 2^k$, then the root, or top, node is at level k and the number of levels is $k + 1$.

To represent a graphical image, the leaves of the quadtree need to have information

about the corresponding pixel associated with them. If the image is a color image, then the bottom nodes will have a color value. This value can be an index into a color map, a set of RGB values, or some other color information. The information associated with nodes that are not at the bottom level has a less obvious meaning. If all four children of a nonleaf node are leaf nodes and they all have the same color, the parent node can adopt that color. In fact, the child nodes then become redundant and can be removed from the quadtree. With all four children removed, this node now becomes a leaf node even though it is not a level 0 node. Removal of unnecessary nodes is called pruning and can be repeated for successively higher levels, moving from the leaves toward the root.

If fewer than four child nodes have the same color, the parent can still adopt the predominant color of the children. If the children with the same color are leaf nodes, they can be removed from the tree. The parent node does not become a leaf node in this case because there are still child nodes under it, but you have reduced the size of the tree by removing at least some of the child nodes. It would be possible, even if all four child nodes were different colors, for the parent node to adopt one of the child nodes' colors and to remove that child node. As you will see later, in the section about locational codes, in the end this removal does not gain anything. You can get rid of one child node, but you then have to keep the parent

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node. In my code I prefer to have the parent node adopt a color only if at least two of the child nodes have that color.

When a graphical image is represented by an efficient form of a quadtree (locational codes, presented in the next section, are one way), the amount of data can be less than with some other common representations such as simple pixel dumps or run-length encodings. This depends on the image, of course—a very fine mesh checkerboard pattern would not be represented efficiently by a quadtree. Images in which large areas are the same color can be represented by small quadtrees because higher-level nodes in the quadtree can represent large sections of the image with no need for lower-level nodes below them.

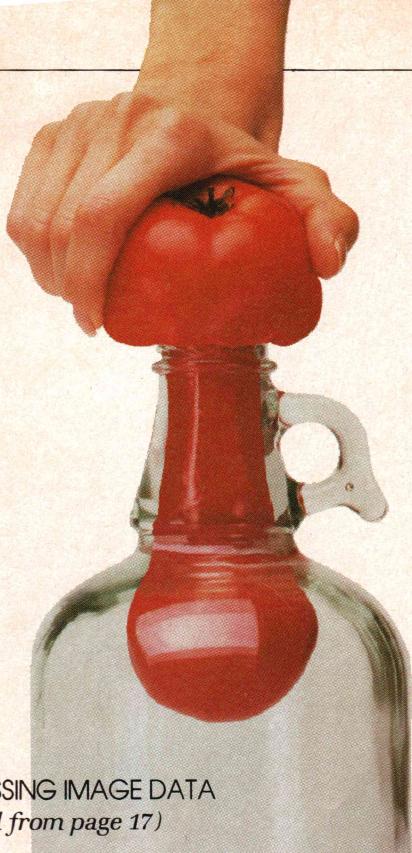
Another advantage of quadtrees is that if they are transmitted or displayed starting from the top level, then each successive level represents a closer approximation to the final image. This is particularly useful on some newer graphics displays that support a fast polygon fill command so that the area represented by a node can be filled quickly by a single command. Although I don't define the color of intermediate nodes in this way, each nonleaf node's color could be the average color of the area it represents. Each lower level would then provide a more accurate description of the image as it was transmitted or displayed. The method I use defines colors for intermediate nodes only if at least half of the final area represented by that node will be that color. In this case, each lower level provides additional information about some areas of the image that are not yet accurately defined. In an interactive situation where transmission of data is slow or costly, the user could be allowed to stop the transmission or display as soon as the image was accurate enough to be recognized as wrong or of no interest. With normal scanline display of images, much of the image, and thus a lot of data, must be displayed before the contents of the picture can be guessed.

Quadtrees also have advantages for certain types of analysis and manipulation of images, but a discussion of these is beyond the scope of this article. For those of you who want to pursue this topic further, I've provided a list of references at the end of this article.

Locational Codes

The quadtree representation is efficient for certain types of processing, but it is not very efficient in terms of storage. Locational codes are a way of indicating the position of a node in the quadtree without actually storing the pointers from the root node to the given node. Instead, the path from the root node to the given node is coded as a single number. This is generally done by equating each direction—NW, NE, SW, or SE—from the parent to the relevant child as a single digit (for example, 0, 1, 2, and 3) and combining the digits representing the path into a single number. For example, the path NE-SE-SE-NW could be expressed as 1330, where the 1 represents the NE child of the root node, the first 3 represents the SE child of that node, the second 3 represents the SE child of the 13 node, and the 0 represents the NW child of the 133 node. Each node, then, has a unique representation. Using a base 10 representation, however, wastes storage space. In my code, I pack each direction value into two bits—that is, I use a base 4 representation. Other authors recommend using a base 5 representation so that the directions are the values 1, 2, 3, and 4 and 0 is reserved as a beginning marker. This is useful because, depending on the level of the node, the number of direction values—that is, digits—will vary. In base 5, the preceding example would be 02441, where the 0 indicates the beginning of the code. In base 4, there is no unique bit pattern to use as a beginning marker because all four possible two-bit patterns are used as direction values.

The disadvantage of the base 5 scheme is that it requires multiplying and dividing by five in order to manipulate



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the encoding. I originally used a base 5 encoding but found the conversion from a quadtree path to a locational code (and back) too slow. To speed up this process, I switched to a base 4 encoding and replaced the multiplies and divides by shifts and bit operations, which are faster. This representation also needs fewer bits to store it. To solve the problem of a beginning marker, I chose to mark the beginning with a 01 bit pattern. Because I always put a 01 in front of the actual direction values, I can search the bits in the locational code from left to right, two at a time, and know that the first nonzero pair is not a valid direction value but that the next pair is. Without this marker, it would be impossible to determine where the direction values start.

Because pointers are not needed with locational-coded quadtrees, nodes that only supply redundant information—that is, serve only as placeholders in the tree—can be removed, or pruned, from this form of the quadtree for more efficient storage or transmission. This pruning can result in significant space savings. Consider, for example, an image consisting of a single red pixel against a black background. In the pointer form of the quadtree, the root node would have a color of black because this is the predominant color of the area it represents (though not the only color). Three of its child nodes, representing the three quadrants not containing the red pixel, are not necessary because the information they would hold—the color black—is already held by their parent and all nodes under them would also have the same information. The fourth node, on the other hand, is necessary because somewhere at the bottom of its subtree is a node representing a single pixel and its information is different—that is, it has a color of red. This pattern—three nodes are unnecessary but the fourth is needed—is repeated down through the levels of the quadtree until you reach the node representing the red pixel. The nodes in the tree

between the root node and the bottom node do not contain useful color information, but they are necessary to save the path from the root node to the bottom node. With the locational code form of the quadtree, each node is represented by a pair of numbers—the locational code itself and a color. For the image of a single red pixel, you need to have only two nodes—the root node and the single bottom node—all the intermediate nodes can be thrown away.

Another advantage of some locational codes is that when the codes are sorted into numerical order, the higher-level nodes come before lower-level nodes. This is true for the three coding schemes already mentioned (base 10, base 5, and my base 4 with special marker) because each lower-level code requires an additional digit to represent the next direction value. Sorted in normal numeric order, the higher-level nodes, having fewer digits, will always precede the lower-level nodes. The base 4 scheme I use preserves this feature because the 1 in front of the actual direction values is shifted two bits left at each lower level. My code, however, makes sorting unnecessary because it outputs the nodes from the root node one level at a time.

Listing One

Listing One, page 40, is a set of routines for converting a graphical image from pixels to a quadtree and outputting the quadtree in locational code form. I have not provided a main routine because initialization is likely to be application specific and possibly system dependent. The main routine should do whatever is necessary to make available a graphical image. Necessary tasks might involve reading the image into an array from a file, getting information interactively about what image or what part of the image the user wants, or initializing the display with the image if the image is to be taken directly from the display. The main routine also needs to perform initialization for the output of the quadtree. This could be opening a disk file and writing some header information to it, or it might involve opening a communications channel of some sort. After all this is done, the main routine calls *px2quad()*.

The only externally accessible routine is *px2quad()*, which must be passed the size of the image. If the actual size of the image is not a square with each side equal to a power of 2, the size passed to *px2quad()* is the smallest such square that the image will fit inside. These routines assume the availability of two routines, *getpix()* and *putlcc()*, that they can call. Besides the main routine, you must also supply these routines. *Getpix()* returns the color value of a pixel at a given x,y position, and *putlcc()* is called to output the locational code and color for each node.

The primary data structure used by the routines in Listing One, defined at the beginning of the listing, is used for each node in the quadtree. The first field, *child*, is an array for the four pointers to child nodes. The direction value serves as a subscript into this array, with the following correspondences: 0, 1, 2, and 3 correspond to the directions NW, NE, SW, and SE, respectively. The second field in the node data structure, *next*, is a pointer to the next node on the linked list used during output. This linked list is explained later as part of the explanation of



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the routines *outtree()* and *outnode()*. The next field, *color*, is the color associated with the node. I store this as a single value because I am using the index value into a color table. More extensive information could be substituted for the single value although this would complicate the code somewhat. The *ntype* field is a flag that indicates what type of node this one is. The three node types are defined in the next section of code. The *ntype* field is not absolutely necessary (as is explained later), but I find it useful. The final field in the node structure, *locode*, is the locational code for this node, which is calculated as each node is added to the quadtree.

The next section of code defines the three node types—*LEAF*, *BLEND*, and *WASH*. *LEAF* type nodes are nodes that have no further nodes under them. The color value of a leaf node represents the color of all the pixels in the area defined by that node even if it is not a bottom-level node. If, during the initial pruning of the quadtree, a node has two or three children that are leaf nodes and that share the same color, the parent node adopts the color of these child nodes and these nodes are removed from the tree. This parent node is marked as a *BLEND* type node to indicate that its color value is the color of pixels in areas represented by missing child nodes and that the node has child nodes that were not removed. All nodes that are neither *LEAF* type nodes nor *BLEND* type nodes are marked as *WASH* nodes, indicating that their only purpose is as placeholders for the pointers to child nodes and that their own color is not relevant.

The routine *px2quad()* is the control routine for all the processing necessary to build and output the quadtree. The first thing it does is create the root node with a call to *crtnode()*. It then calculates the level number of the root node from the parameter *size*, which the calling routine passed to it. What this code does is find *k*, where *size* = 2^k . (There may be a more direct way to do this.) After setting the locational code for the root to 0 (remember that the 1 is not actually part of the locational code but a beginning marker), *px2quad()* calls *addnode()* to add the root node to the currently empty quadtree. *Addnode()* calls *crtnode()* and itself recursively to create the rest of the quadtree. When *addnode()* finally returns, the quadtree has been built and the initial pruning done. *Px2quad()* then calls *outtree()* to control the final pruning and the output of the quadtree as locational codes and colors.

The function *crtnode()* creates a new node, initializes it with default values, and returns a pointer to it. I use a call to the system routine *malloc()* to get enough space for one node. This step could be a problem for several reasons. The first is the overhead associated with making this call perhaps hundreds of thousands of times during the creation of the quadtree. This overhead could be reduced by getting larger chunks of memory (or even statically allocating a very large array) and having *crtnode()* and *relnode()* maintain a list of free nodes. This approach complicates the code, of course, but it might be worthwhile for improved performance. The second potential problem is the amount of memory required for a quadtree that represents a reasonable-size image. I'll discuss this in

more detail at the end of the article. *Malloc()* returns a *NULL* pointer if no more memory is available or something else goes wrong; *crtnode()* checks for this condition. The last part of the code initializes the newly created node. The node type is set to *LEAF*, indicating that this node does not have child nodes after it. If *addnode()*, the next routine, creates new nodes under this one, it will also call *condense()*, which, among other things, resets the node type.

Addnode() adds a newly created node to the quadtree. If this node is not at the bottom level, it creates four new child nodes under the current one with calls to *crtnode()* and calculates locational codes for these new nodes. This calculation is simple. The locational code for the current node is available in the node data. The locational code for a child node needs only one direction value added onto the end of the parent's code. Because the direction value is the same as the subscript into the array of pointers to the four child nodes, all the code has to do is shift the parent's locational code left two bits and add in the direction value for the child. *Addnode()* then calls itself recursively for each of the new child nodes. After these four new nodes have been added, *addnode()* calls the routine *condense()*, which examines the four nodes under the current node to see if any of them can be removed. If, on the other hand, the current node is at the bottom level—that is, this node represents a single pixel of the image—*getcolor()* is called to get the color of the pixel.

Condense() is the routine that does the initial pruning of the quadtree and is probably the most complex routine presented here. It first loops through the four children of the current node (*addnode()* does not call *condense()* for leaf nodes, so the current node will always have four children), collecting information about their colors. What the code is looking for is a predominant color—that is, a color shared by two or more child nodes. Nodes that are marked as type *WASH* are ignored because their color is meaningless (as is explained later). *Condense()* sets the current node's color to the predominant color. If no two children have the same color, then the next section is skipped. Otherwise, the code again loops over the four children. If a child had a type of *WASH*, it can't be deleted, so it is ignored. If a child has the same color as the predominant color, it is either removed, if it is a leaf, or demoted to type *WASH* otherwise. The reason why it can be removed if it is a leaf is that the area it represents is included in the area represented by its parent and the parent now has the same color—the color of the child node is therefore redundant. If a child node is not a leaf, this means that it has at least one child node of a different color below it and so it cannot be deleted without losing the pointers to its children. Its color, however, is now redundant information, and this fact is noted by marking it as a *WASH* type. The final section of code in *condense()* resets the node type of the current node. If all four children have been released (because they were all the same color and now this node has that color), then this node becomes a leaf node and is marked *LEAF*. If this node has adopted a color because two or more of its children have been removed or marked as *WASH* type nodes, it is marked as a *BLEND* type node to indicate that it is not a leaf node but its color is relevant information. If the node is

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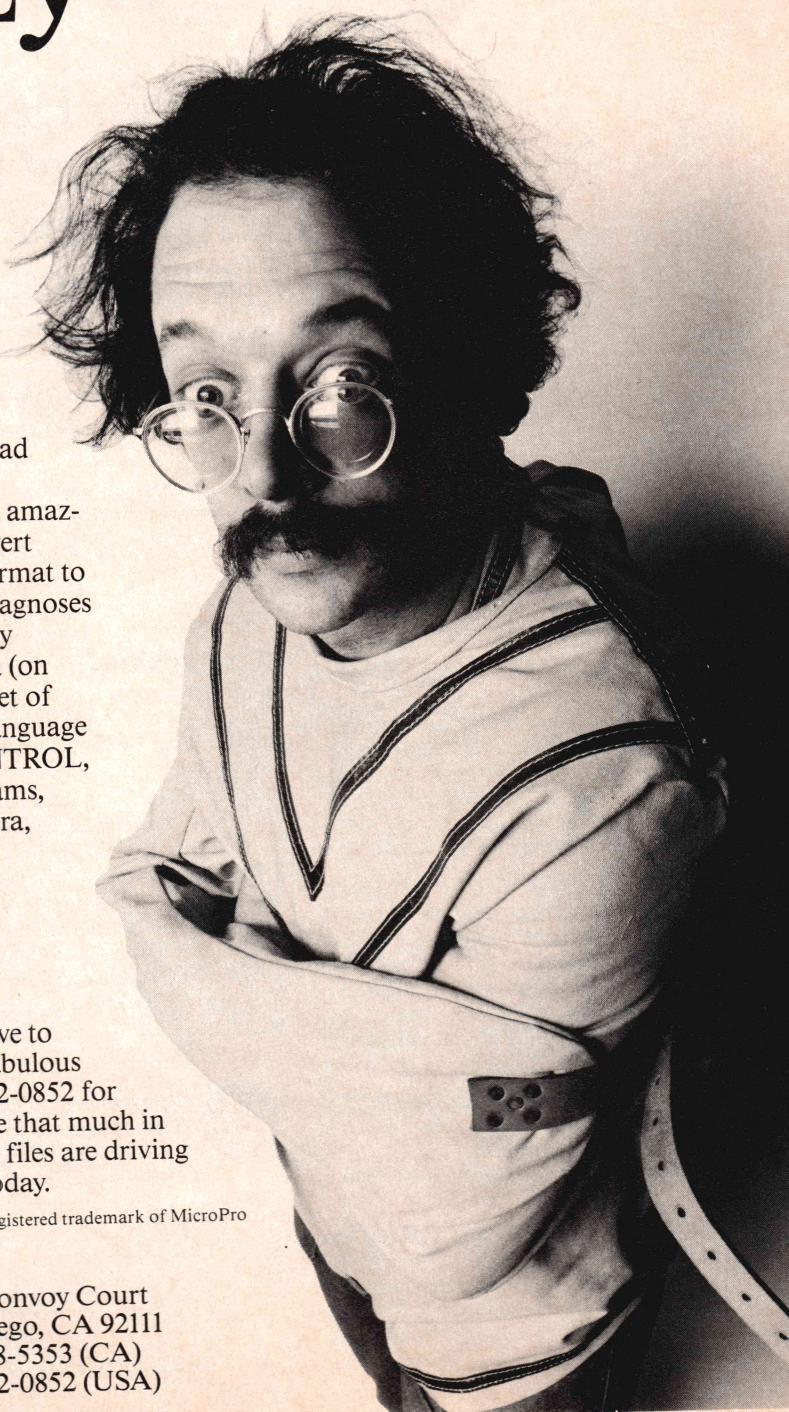
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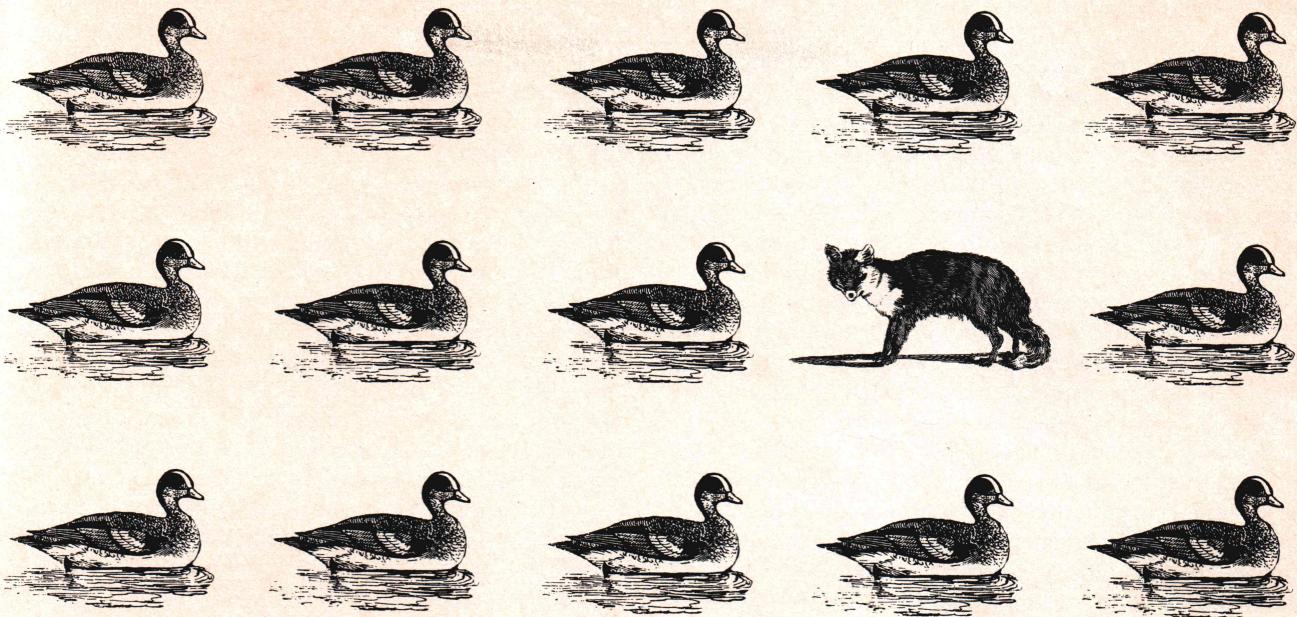


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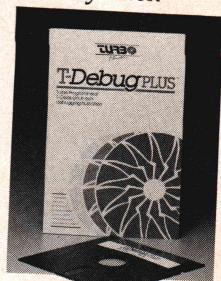
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neither a *LEAF* nor a *BLEND*, it is marked as a *WASH*. This happens when none of the four children share a common color either because they are really four different colors or some of them are *WASH* nodes and have no color information. The node type is used later when this node's parent node is passed to *condense()* and this node is then one of the child nodes. It is also used during output of the quadtree because *WASH* nodes are not output.

Relnode() is the complement of *crtnode()*—it releases an unneeded node. For efficiency, this routine could add the node to a linked list of free nodes from which *crtnode()* could get space for new nodes. It is implemented here as a call to the system routine *free()*.

Getcolor(), called by *addnode()* when it reaches a leaf node at the bottom level, is a function to return the color of the pixel represented by a bottom-level node. The majority of the code is concerned with converting the position of the node in the quadtree, given as its locational code, to a column and row (x and y) pixel position. The code does this by extracting the directions shifted into the locational code by *addnode()* in the process of building the locational code. Because this is a bottom-level node, the number of direction values is equal to the top-level number. *Getcolor()* shifts the direction value for each level, starting with the top level or root, to the bottom bits and masks them off. As the direction code is recovered for each level, the column and row values are shifted left one bit and the new bottom bit is set or not depending on the direction. This works because the direction values define two simultaneous binary searches through the pixel space. The first search, for column, successively splits the pixel space into left and right halves. The second search, for row, successively splits the pixel space into upper and lower halves. Thus each bit in the column or row value is a direction in the binary search. Whereas the locational code needs two bits to represent one of four directions, the column and row values need one bit to represent one of two directions.

Outtree() and *outnode()* are the control routines for the second phase of Listing One—outputting the quadtree as locational codes. In order to output the nodes in a breadth-first order—that is, all nodes at one level are output before any lower-level nodes—*outtree()* and *outnode()* construct a linked list of nodes yet to be dealt with. As the node at the front of the list is examined, and possibly output, its children are added to the end of the list. The linked list serves as a FIFO queue, which means that each level, starting from the top, is processed before the next level is started. *Outtree()* initializes the linked list by putting the root node on it and setting its next pointer to *NULL*. It then enters a loop calling *outnode()* with the next node on the list until the list is exhausted. *Outnode()* checks the node type of the current node and outputs the locational code and color if the node is not a *WASH*. During this final pruning of the quadtree, nodes whose only function in the quadtree was to point to lower-level nodes are dropped from the locational code form because the pointers are no longer needed. The routine *putlcc()* is not defined here because what it does could be system or

application dependent. The simplest thing for *putlcc()* to do is write the data to a file for later processing or display. *Putlcc()* could also transmit the data to a remote display. After *putlcc()* is called, the node's children, if any, are added to the end of the list.

Listing Two

Listing Two, page 44, presents a set of routines for displaying a quadtree from a locational code form. As with the first set of routines, no main routine is given and only a single routine needs to be called. The main routine will have to do whatever initialization is necessary, such as opening the file containing the quadtree and reading in a header section or opening a communications channel. It may also need to initialize a graphics system or at least clear the screen. *Qdisp()* is the entry point for the second set of routines. It needs to know the size of the original image, which could be read from a file header associated with the quadtree file or supplied by the user. These routines make calls to two externally defined routines that you must supply. These are *getnxn()*, which returns the next quadtree node as a locational code and a color, and *filrec()*, which fills in a rectangle on the display with a given color.

Most of *qdisp()* is a loop that gets the next node as a locational code and color by a call to *getnxn()*, converts the locational code to the corner and side of the square represented, and fills in the square with the color by a call to *filrec()*. *Getnxn()* and *filrec()* are assumed to be supplied separately because they might be both system and application dependent. *Getnxn()*, for instance, might be reading the quadtree data from a file or reading it from a serial port. *Filrec()* is given the upper-left corner and sides of a rectangle (node quadrants are, of course, always square, but *filrec()* is presumed to be more general) and a color, and it fills the defined rectangle on the display with the color. If you are lucky enough to be using a system with a graphics package that supplies such a call (or better yet, a display that has the function available in hardware), then the implementation of *filrec()* should be simple. If you are not so lucky, then *filrec()* may have to loop over all the pixels in the rectangle, setting each to the given color.

The routine *square()* converts a locational code to the corner and side of the square represented by the node. It is very similar to *getcolor()* in Listing One. Because the level of the node is not known, the code must search the locational code for the beginning marker. After finding this, the code loops, like *getcolor()*, over the direction values from the root to the current node. At each iteration, the length of the side, initialized to the original image size, is divided by two and the corner position is adjusted according to which quadrant is indicated.

Practical Considerations

Quadtrees in pointer form can use up a lot of memory. In the worst case, in which no nodes can be released during construction, an image of size $N (= 2^k)$ would require more than $N \times N$ nodes. For example, an image of 256×256 pixels could require more than 64K nodes. Using my data structure for a node, this takes up 2 megabytes of memory on a machine that uses 4 bytes for *ints* and pointers. A more efficient structure may be needed. Using

smaller fields and/or combining fields would be one way to reduce memory needs. The node type field could be removed with some additional processing—the type *LEAF* could be deduced from the fact that all child pointers are *NULL* and, because the color of a *WASH* node is meaningless, a special value in the color field could indicate that a node was a *WASH*.

Besides the memory problem, the time required to create the quadtree may also prove to be a problem. Despite some efforts to speed up the process, such as switching to a base 4 representation for the locational codes, creating the quadtree is still very slow. One improvement, as mentioned already, might be to change the way *crtnode()* and *relnode()* get and release nodes. Another might be to keep more information about the location of the current node so that *getcolor()* does not have to figure this out from the locational codes. I think, however, that major improvements will require somehow avoiding all the hundreds (or thousands) of calls to *addnode()* and *condense()* for sections of the image that are a single color and could be quickly defined as a few high-level nodes.

Much to my disappointment, the display of the quadtree is not very fast. Even on a display that supports rectangle fill, a scan-line display of an image is faster than the quadtree display, although the display of the quadtree is more interesting to watch. For any reasonably interesting image, a lot of individual pixels must ultimately be filled in to complete the image and this takes a lot of time.

Despite these problems, quadtrees can offer some advantages over other graphical image representations and, in some cases, may be the best choice.

Availability

All the source code for articles in this issue (except C Chest) is available on a single disk. To order, send \$14.95 to *Dr. Dobb's Journal*, 501 Galveston Dr., Redwood City, CA 94063 or call (415) 366-3600 ext. 216. Please specify the issue number and disk format (MS-DOS, Macintosh, Kaypro).

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ARC Wars: MS-DOS Archiving Utilities

by Russell Nelson

Since the dawn of computers, people have been trying to make their computers run faster. One speedup technique is data compression, which lets the computer operate on less data while still accomplishing the same amount of work.

Data compression relies on the fact that most data are not random. English language text, for example, has a known character distribution—the letter *E* occurs more often than *T*, *T* more often than *O*, and so on. A data compression algorithm relies on these quirks to use fewer bits to represent the same data. For users downloading from bulletin boards, this approach translates into lower phone bills.

The old standard for data compression was a combination of three programs—one to combine files into one library (LU, library utility), one to squeeze this library into fewer bits (SQ), and another to unsqueeze the library (USQ). The squeeze program would produce a Huffman encoding¹ of its input file.

Thom Henderson of System Enhancement Associates (SEA) created ARC to provide an alternative to LU. ARC can add files to an archive and automatically determine which of four different compression methods to use. An archive can never be much larger than the component files because one of the four "compression" methods consists simply of storing

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the file unaltered.

In actual use, the savings are often considerable. After automatic compression was added, ARC performed better than the LU/SQ/USQ combination, and within seven months of its introduction, it became the new standard for BBS files. This could have happened just because it was more convenient, but more probably it was because it used an improved compression algorithm—the Lempel-Ziv² algorithm.

In fact, ARC became so popular that spin-offs using the same file format appeared. Spin-offs were easy to develop because SEA made the ARC source available. At present, four different ARC-compatible systems and one ARC-incompatible system are in use. This article reviews the performance of each of them on different sets of files.

The Programs

Table 1, below, lists the current (as of October 1986) program versions that comprise each of the five archiving systems. Note that two of the systems are distributed as separate programs—PKARC and PKXARC form one system; ARCA, ARCE, and ARCV form another. The other three systems are ARC, ARCH, and ZOO.

The Donation column in Table 1 gives the suggested donation if the software is shareware. Some of the software is copyrighted, but no donation is suggested. The Cost column gives the cost of the software including automatic updates, printed documentation, and so on. All these programs are freely copyable.

The box on page 28 gives the author's address for each system. In addition, all the files mentioned in this article are available from the Clarkson University Heath Users Group (CUHUG) Fido—(315) 268-6667, 300/1,200/2,400 baud, 24 hours—as well as from many other BBSs. ARC and PKXARC are distributed as self-extracting .COM files; the other programs are distributed in archive form. Look for ARC.* and PKX.* if the BBS has a wildcard list function.

Program	Version	Size (bytes)	Donation	Cost
ARC	5.12	32429	\$35	\$50
ARCA	1.18	3796	none	
ARCE	2.06	5424	none	
ARCV	1.15	2063	none	
ARCH	5.38	32694	none	
PKARC	1.1	15972	\$15	\$35
PKXARC	3.2	9984	\$15	\$35
ZOO	1.20	29120	none	

Table 1: Program versions

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In addition to the archive programs discussed in this article, the CU-HUG Fido has the following related files: DARC.ARC, which deletes from the disk any files that may be found in the archive; XONE2.ARC, which extracts one file from an archive into a new archive containing just that file; LZ.ARC, which contains assembly-language source for a Lempel-Ziv compressor and decompressor; ARCX.ARC, which contains Turbo Pascal source for an archive extractor; and ARC44.ARC, which contains the source for Version 4.4 of ARC.

Comparison of Features

Table 2, below, lists the features that each program provides. Most of the titles are self-explanatory; those that aren't are:

- Add files to archive: Obviously all archive systems can add files to an archive but not all programs in an archive system can do so.
- Alphabetic file names: Because ARC uses a distributed directory (the file names are not kept in a central location), alphabetic adding means that the files in the archive must be reordered when a new file is added and a copy of the archive must be made. The advantage of not copying the archive is that an archive can fill a

whole floppy rather than being limited to just half. ZOO uses a version numbering scheme to avoid copying. ARCA simply ignores the issue and makes two copies of the file, only the first of which is accessible.

- Damaged headers: If an archive gets munged, a file header can be damaged. Some archivers can skip the damaged file; some just give up.
- Extract to explicit path: Sometimes you might want to extract a file to a subdirectory/drive other than the current one.
- Forced storing: Because data compression can take a fair bit of time, some archivers allow you to force the files to be added uncompressed for later compression of the entire archive.
- Freshen files already in archive: Only newer files already in the archive are archived.
- List file names only: This is useful if you want to pipe the list of file names to another program.
- Only packing and crunching: Some archivers don't bother to squeeze or store a file.
- Update adds only newer files: Older files in the archive are left alone.
- Wildcard archive file names: You can specify an ambiguous archive file name using wildcards in combination with some operations.

Benchmarks

I ran benchmarks using a 5-MHz Z100 with a V20 to run MS-DOS 2.18—all the programs run under generic MS-DOS. I stored the files and programs in a RAM disk so that physical disk access times were not significant. The verbose listings were redirected to a file, so console output time is not reflected in the run time.

I have tried to use test data that is easily obtainable. ARC44 is an archive of the source of ARC, Version 4.4, and I used it to test the ability of an archiver to cope with a file that cannot be compressed further. The MASM benchmark is the MASM, Version 4.0, distribution disk, and I included it to test the compression of non-text files. The TDebug benchmark is the source of TDebug Plus, available from Turbo Power Software; I included it to test the compression of text files.

I tested only the most common operations—add, add to existing, delete, list, and extract. Results of the benchmark tests are shown in Table 3, page 28. I assume less common operations, such as update, freshen, and move, will be roughly similar in speed. Example 1, page 30, shows the output of verbose listings for some of the archive systems. There is not much to say because all give the same information and have similar run times.

	ARC	ARCA	ARCE	ARCV	ARCH	PKARC	PKXARC	ZOO
Add files to archive	y	y	-	-	y	y	-	y
Alphabetic file names	y	-	-	-	y	y	-	-
Archive file compatible	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	-
Comments attached to files	-	-	-	-	-	y	-	-
Copies while modifying	y	-	-	-	y	y	-	y
Damaged headers	y	y	-	-	y	-	-	-
Delete files after adding	y	y	-	-	y	y	-	n/a
Encryption	y	-	-	-	y	y	-	y
Extract files to console	y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extract files to printer	y	-	-	-	y	-	y	y
Extract into archive	-	-	-	-	-	-	y	-
Extract to explicit path	-	-	y	-	y	-	-	-
Forced storing	y	-	-	-	-	-	y	-
Freshen files already in archive	y	-	-	-	y	-	-	y
List file names only	-	-	-	-	y	y	-	y
Make backup of the archive file	y	-	-	-	y	-	-	y
Only packing and crunching	-	y	-	-	y	-	-	y
Replace existing files on extract	y	-	y	-	-	-	-	-
Test archive integrity	y	-	-	-	y	-	y	y
Update adds only newer files	y	-	-	-	y	-	y	y
Verbose listing of archive	y	-	-	-	y	y	-	y
Wildcard archive file names	-	-	y	y	y	y	y	y

Table 2: Comparison of features

ARC WARS (continued from page 27)

Conclusions

As shown in Table 3, PKARC is the fastest archiver by a wide margin,

and PKXARC is the fastest extractor. PKARC also produced the smallest archives in all but one instance, in which ZOO was slightly smaller. ARCA/ARCE/ARCV, PKARC/PKXARC, and ZOO are written in assembly lan-

guage, whereas ARC and ARCH are written in C. If you don't mind the donation, PKARC/PKXARC is the system to use.

ZOO performed adequately. ZOO is the only explicitly public-domain ar-

Authors/Vendors

ARC

Thom Henderson
System Enhancement Associates
21 New St.
Wayne, NJ 07470

For \$50 you receive a program disk with printed documentation. If you obtain ARC by other means, then you cannot use it in a commercial environment or a government organization unless you pay a \$35 license fee. Site licenses and commercial distribution licenses are available, as is the full program source.

ARCA, ARCE, ARCV

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ARCH

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PCOM RBBS Montreal
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Given the similarity in features, run time, and results, ARCH must be a modified copy of ARC. The ARC copyright permissions strictly prohibit distribution of modified copies of ARC. Nevertheless, ARCH has more features than ARC, and so I included it in this review.

PKARC, PKXARC

Phil Katz
7032 Ardara Ave.
Glendale, WI 53209
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If you find PKARC and PKXARC fast, easy, and convenient to use, a contribution of \$15 would be appreciated. With each contribution of \$35 or more, you receive free upgrades of the next versions of PKARC and PKXARC when available, including documentation.

ZOO

Rahul Dhesi
GENie: DHESI
People/Link: OLS806
ARPAnet/CSnet: dhesi@bsu@csnet-relay.ARPA
UUCP: !seismo!csnet relay
.ARPA!bsu!dhesi
ZOO is in the public domain.

Archive add—ARC44—archive of source of ARC (57,728 bytes)

	ARC	ARCA	ARCH	PKARC	ZOO
Run time (seconds)	144.66	42.42	150.27	25.86	40.41
Size (bytes)	57,728	58,014	57,728	57,728	57,728
Total size (bytes)	57,759	65,564	57,759	57,759	60,625
Stowage	stored	packed	stored	stored	stored

Archive add—MASM 4.00 distribution disk (288,122 bytes total)

	ARC	ARCA	ARCH	PKARC	ZOO
Run time (seconds)	648.77	122.41	653.73	92.11	124.91
Total size (bytes)	237,072	221,751	237,072	221,020	221,907
Compression (percent)	17	23	17	23	23

Archive add—TDebug Plus source (289,049 bytes total, all ASCII)

	ARC	ARCA	ARCH	PKARC	ZOO
Run time (seconds)	373.44	86.56	364.17	65.36	82.25
Total size (bytes)	116,802	116,255	116,802	115,950	113,013
Compression (percent)	59	59	59	59	61

Archive extract—ARC44—archive of source of ARC (57,728 bytes)

	ARC	ARCE	ARCH	PKXARC	ZOO
Run time	136.87	51.27	139.75	50.98	n/a

Archive extract—MASM 4.00 distribution disk (288,122 bytes total, 13,595 bytes ASCII)

	ARC	ARCE	ARCH	PKXARC	ZOO
Run time	244.39	58.06	252.00	46.74	69.64

Archive extract—TDebug Plus source (289,049 bytes total, all ASCII)

	ARC	ARCE	ARCH	PKXARC	ZOO
Run time	182.60	42.73	188.30	33.43	54.86

Table 3: Benchmark results

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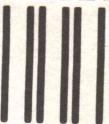
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- VII. On average, I advise others about computers:
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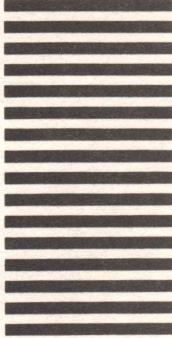
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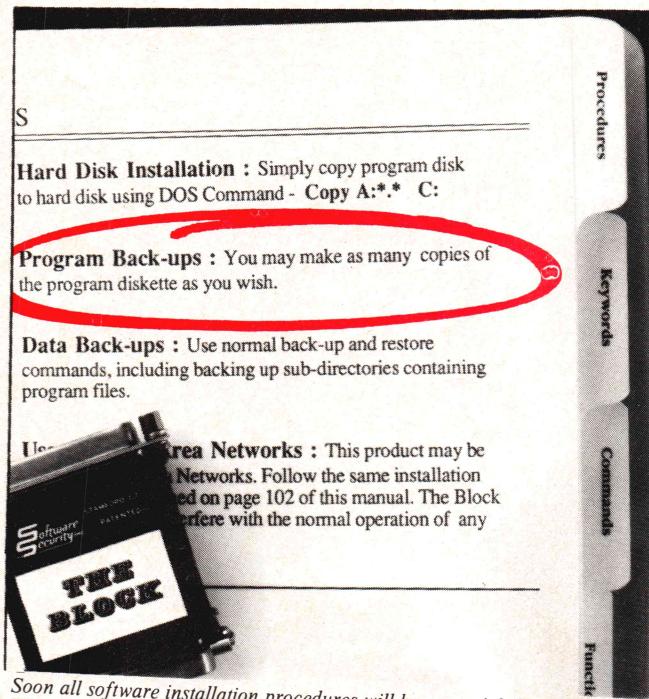
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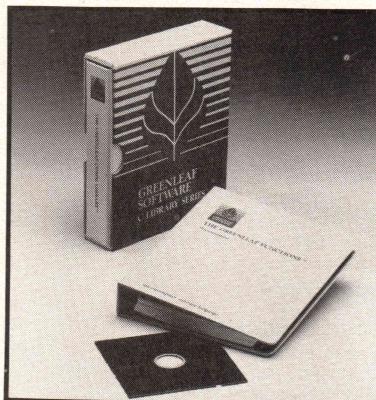
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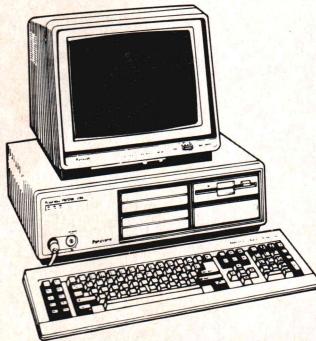
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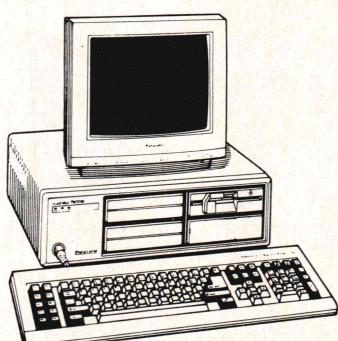
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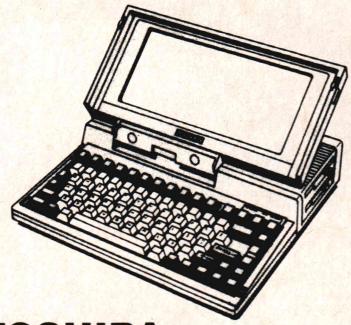
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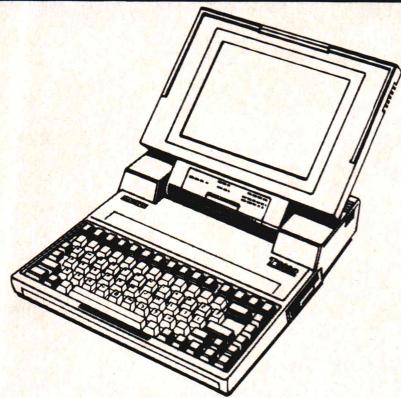
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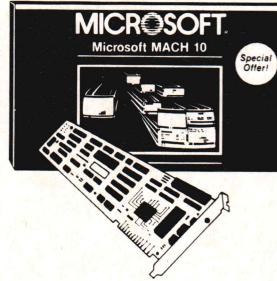
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Optimizing Integer Multiplications by Constant Multipliers

by Robert D. Grappel

Integer multiplication by a constant multiplier can occur frequently in high-level language programs. Besides the explicitly coded multiplications, the compiler must generate multiplication instructions as part of each array reference. To address an array element, the compiler forms code to multiply the array index by the size of an array element (a constant). If the array elements are simple data types (bytes, words, and so on) then the multiplication is often done as a shift left because the size of the element is a power of 2. Some of the more powerful processors (Intel 80386, Motorola 68020, National 32016, and so on) provide scaled-indexed addressing modes that incorporate the appropriate shift as part of the address calculation.

If the array element is not a simple type, however, the multiplication must be done explicitly. Multi-dimensioned arrays require a multiplication for each index (except, perhaps, for the last one, which can be done with a shift).

Multiplication is a time-consuming operation, even on those processors that have multiplication instructions. Table 1, right, shows the execution times, in clock cycles, for several types of instructions, including multiplication, on some modern microprocessors. The 68000, for example, requires about 70 clocks for a 16-bit

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Some multiplications can be sped up by 'unrolling' the calculation.

register-to-register multiplication instruction, compared to about 8 clocks for a 32-bit register-to-register addition or subtraction. A 32-bit register shift requires about 6 clocks plus an additional 2 clocks per shift position. Clearly, the 68000 can do several adds, subtracts, and shifts in the time it takes to perform one multiplication.

Indexing an array (without artificially limiting the size to 64K) requires a 32-bit multiplication, which necessitates at least two 16-bit multiplications and an addition on the 68000 along with some logic. Because this 32-bit multiplication is likely to be done as a run-time subroutine, there is often an additional setup and calling overhead, too. (The 16-bit multiplication of the Intel 80286 is sufficient to address an entire memory segment.) Thus, there is room for a compiler to fabricate an optimized sequence of additions, subtractions, and shifts in place of a multiplication on any of these processors.

Unrolling the Loop

Computers multiply numbers using some variation of the following algorithm:

1. Clear work register Rw , which becomes the product.
2. If the low-order bit of the multiplier is a 1, add the multiplicand to Rw .
3. Shift the multiplier right one bit position.
4. If the multiplier is 0, stop (product in Rw).
5. Shift the multiplicand left one bit position.
6. Go to step 2.

It is apparent that the computer performs multiplication as a sequence of shifts and additions—step 2 is an addition; steps 3 and 5 are shifts. If the multiplier is a constant, the algorithm can be “unrolled” into a sequence that includes only adds and shifts. This sequence is called a “star-chain” sequence because the result of each step is used immediately in the next step—no intermediate stores are required. The sequence requires only two registers—the original multiplicand and the work register in which the product is formed. Consider the following examples, in which the notation $R1$ indicates the multiplicand, $<<= n$ means shift left n bit positions, and $+= R1$ means add the

	80286	68000	68020
ADD	2	8	0-3
SUB	2	8	0-3
SHIFT n	5+n	6+2n	1-4
MUL 16	21	70	21-28
MUL 32	**	**	41-44

Table 1: Timing for several basic arithmetic instructions (clock cycles)

multiplicand:

```
R1 * 10:  
1  Rw = R1  
2  Rw <<= 1  
3  Rw += R1  
4  Rw <<= 2  
5  Rw += R1
```

```
R1 * 7:  
1  Rw = R1  
2  Rw <<= 1  
3  Rw += R1  
4  Rw <<= 1  
5  Rw += R1  
6  Rw <<= 1  
7  Rw += R1
```

Note that the shifts and additions always come in pairs. Note, also, that there are as many shift-add pairs as there are one bits in the multiplier. This implies that the worst-case sequence will have as many shift-adds as the bit width of the multiplier.

You can generate shorter sequences by using shift-subtract as well as shift-add pairs. If the notation $2 \hat{n}$ indicates 2 to the power n , you can write $((2 \hat{n}) - 1)$ to denote a binary integer with n 1s in a row (for example, $8 - 1 = 7$). Hence, the sequence shown above can be shortened to:

```
R1 * 7:  
1  Rw = R1  
2  Rw <<= 3  
3  Rw -= R1
```

Here one shift-subtract replaces three shift-adds. The worst case is now alternating 1s and 0s in the multiplier, requiring at most one-half the number of sequence steps.

A further improvement can be made in the algorithm. Some numbers (such as 55 and 119) have a series of 1s, then a single 0, then another series of 1s ($119 = 1110111$ binary). The algorithm would generate a shift-subtract, then a shift-add by one place. Here is the sequence for 119:

```
R1 * 119:  
1  Rw = R1  
2  Rw <<= 3  
3  Rw -= R1  
4  Rw <<= 1  
5  Rw += R1  
6  Rw <<= 3  
7  Rw -= R1
```

```
#include stdio.h  
/* Program to generate a "star-chain" sequence to replace  
   multiplication by a positive integer constant with a  
   series of add, subtract, and shift-left instructions.  
   Assumes two machine "registers". Instructions are  
   formed on a temporary stack, then output. A stack  
   element's magnitude is the shift amount, the sign  
   indicates subsequent add (plus) or subtract (minus). */  
  
long mult; /* 32-bit signed constant multiplier */  
int flag, cnt, stkptr, stack[16], last_cnt, last_shift, ts;  
  
int trim_trailing(one_zero) int one_zero;  
{  
    int c;  
    for (c=0; ((mult & 1) == one_zero); c++, mult) = 1;  
    return c;  
}  
  
main()  
{  
    stkptr = 0; /* init. stack pointer */  
    printf("\nEnter integer multiplier"); scanf("%d", &mult);  
    if (mult > 0)  
    {  
        last_cnt = 0;  
        last_shift = trim_trailing(0); /* cut trailing 0's */  
        while (1)  
        { /* decompose "mult", build stacked instructions */  
            cnt = trim_trailing(1); /* count low-order 1's */  
            if (cnt > 1)  
            { /* more than 1 bit, use shift-subtract */  
                flag = 0;  
                if (last_cnt == 1)  
                { /* shift k, sub, shift 1, add -- */  
                    shift k, sub, shift 1, add -- */  
                    stack[stkptr - 1] = -(cnt + 1);  
                }  
                else  
                    stack[stkptr + 1] = -cnt;  
            }  
            /* will need another shift-add */  
            else flag = 1;  
            /* "mult" fully decomposed, time to output */  
            if (mult == 0) break;  
            /* count low-order zeros */  
            last_cnt = trim_trailing(0) + flag;  
            stack[stkptr + 1] = last_cnt; /* shift-add */  
        }  
        /* now output code from stack */  
  
        print("\nRw = R1"); /* load working register */  
        while (stkptr > 0)  
        {  
            ts = stack[--stkptr]; /* get top stack element */  
            if (ts < 0) printf("\nRw (<= %d\nRw -= R1", -ts);  
            else printf("\nRw (<= %d\nRw += R1", ts);  
  
            if (last_shift != 0) printf("\nRw (<= %d", last_shift);  
            else  
                printf("\nRw = 0"); /* special case for mult = 0 */  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Code Example 1: The star-chain algorithm in C

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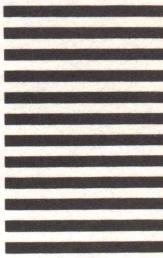
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Steps 2 through 5 can be combined by incrementing the shift count in step 2 and omitting steps 4 and 5, giving the following sequence for $R1 * 119$:

$R1 * 119$:

- 1 $Rw = R1$
- 2 $Rw <<= 3$
- 3 $Rw -= R1$
- 4 $Rw <<= 3$
- 5 $Rw -= R1$

This sequence (32-bit operands) would require about 46 clocks on a 68000, which is faster than a single 16-bit multiplication. It would require five words of code, as compared to the two or three words required for a subroutine call. It seems clear that star-chain sequences can provide a way to readily optimize multiplication by a constant.

An Actual Implementation

The C program shown in Code Example 1, page 35, implements the star-chain algorithm. It prompts the user for the multiplier (which must be positive) and prints out the star-chain sequence. It would be easy to convert the program to generate code steps for use in an optimizing compiler.

The program works in two steps: the first step builds the sequence on a last-in, first-out stack; the second step outputs the sequence from the stack. Note that, because the multiplier is 32 bits long, the stack need only hold 16 elements; there is no danger of overflow. Each stack element holds a shift-add or shift-subtract. The encoding uses the sign of the stack element to indicate shift-add (plus) or shift-subtract (minus). The magnitude of the stack element is the shift count. The function *trim_trailing* is used to count the number of low-order 0s or 1s in the multiplier. Note that, as written, *mult* must be a global variable because *trim_trailing* operates on it. The variable *flag* is used to signal the shift-subtract optimization.

The program shown works only for positive multipliers, which is always the case in array addressing. To make it handle negative multipliers, simply call it with the absolute value of the multiplier and then output a

"negate" instruction.

The sequences that this program produces are not unique. For example, $R1 * 119$ can be written:

$R1 * 119$:

- 1 $Rw = R1$
- 2 $Rw <<= 3$
- 3 $Rw -= R1$
- 4 $R1 = Rw$
- 5 $Rw <<= 4$
- 6 $Rw += R1$

This sequence is derived by factoring $119 = 7 \times 17$. Steps 1 through 3 are a multiplication by 7, and steps 4 through 6 multiply by 17. The alter-

nate sequence here is not shorter or faster than the one generated by the algorithm, but factoring can yield improvements in some cases. (Note that the multiplicand register $R1$ is overwritten in step 4. The star-chain algorithm described in this article does not destroy the multiplicand.) The problem with the factoring approach is that it can take a great deal of time to find the factors (or it may require a large table of factorizations).

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Listing One (Text begins on page 16.)

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/* Listing one */
/* Subroutines for converting a pixel image
   to a quadtree and output the quadtree as
   locational codes

Written by: Ronald G. White

External routines:
  px2quad - only entry point
 */

#include <stdio.h>

/* Define structure for each node */
typedef struct qnode {
  struct qnode *child[4]; /* pointers to each child */
  struct qnode *next; /* used during output */
  int color;
  int ntype;
  int locode; /* see below for types */
  /* location code */
} QNODE, *PNODE;

/* Node types: */
#define LEAF 1 /* no children */
#define BLEND 2 /* color of >2 kids */
#define WASH 3 /* color irrelevant */

extern getpix(); /* return pixel color at given posn */
extern putlclc(); /* output location code and color */

static int toplevel; /* top level of tree (root node) */

px2quad(size)
int size;
/* entry point for these routines. Control routine to
   create a quadtree from the pixel image and output it
   as locational codes

input:
  size - size of the image rounded up to nearest
  power of two
*/
{
  PNODE crtnode(), proot;

  /* Create the root node */
  proot = crtnode();

  /* Calculate the toplevel number */
  toplevel = 0;
  while (size > 1) {
    toplevel++;
    size >>= 1; /* divide by two */
  }

  /* Build the quad tree */
  proot->locode = 1;
  addnode(proot, toplevel);

  /* Output it as location codes */
  outtree(proot);
}

static PNODE crtnode()
/* create a quadtree node and initialize it
   output:
     returns a pointer to the node
*/
{
  int i;
  PNODE newnode;

  /* Get space for it */
  newnode = (PNODE) malloc(sizeof(QNODE));
  if (newnode == NULL) {
    /* Something went wrong */
    fprintf(stderr,
    "crtnode: malloc failure; unable to continue");
    exit(1);
  }
}
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}

/* Initialize it */
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
    newnode->child[i] = NULL;
}
newnode->color = 0;
newnode->nype = LEAF;
return(newnode);
}

static addnode(pnode, level)
int level;
PNODE pnode;
/* add a new node to the quad tree
If the node is not at the bottom level, four child
nodes are created and added below the current node.
Otherwise the node color is set to that of the
corresponding pixel.

input:
    pnode      - pointer to the current node
    level      - level number of the current node
*/
{
    int i;
    int newlevel;
    PNODE crtnode(), newchild;

    /* if this node is not at the bottom level,
     * add four children below this node
    */
    if (level > 0) {
        newlevel = level - 1;
        for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
            newchild = crtnode();
            pnode->child[i] = newchild;
            newchild->locode = (pnode->locode << 2) + i;
            addnode(newchild, newlevel);
        }
        /* Remove any unnecessary children */
        condense(pnode);
    }
    /* bottom level; get actual pixel color */
    else {
        pnode->color = getcolor(pnode->locode);
    }
}

static condense(pnode)
PNODE pnode;
/* examine children of the current node and
remove any that are unnecessary

input:
    pnode - pointer to current node
*/
{
    int colcnt[4];
    int colors[4];
    int i, j;
    int maxclr = 0;
    int nkids;
    int childclr;
    PNODE pchild;

    /* Initialization */
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        colcnt[i] = 0;
    }

    /* Determine colors of children */
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        pchild = pnode->child[i];
        if (pchild->nype == WASH) {
            /* this child has no color */
            continue;
        }
        childclr = pchild->color;
    }
}

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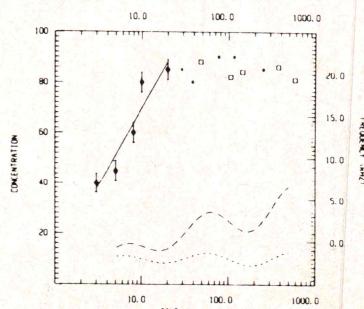
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/* loop through colors found so far:
   do we have a match?
   note: we'll always "break" out of
   this loop because there can be at
   most four different colors.
*/
for (j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
    if (colcnt[j] == 0) {
        /* new color */
        colors[j] = childclr;
        colcnt[j] = 1;
        break;
    } else if (childclr == colors[j]) {
        /* existing color */
        colcnt[j]++;
        if (colcnt[j] > colcnt[maxclr]) {
            maxclr = j;
        }
        break;
    }
}
/* Set node color */
pnode->color = colors[maxclr];

/* Remove redundant children -- if more than
   one child node has the same color as the
   current node, then it contains redundant
   information. If the redundant node is a
   leaf node, it can just be removed. If it
   is not a leaf node, mark it as a WASH type
   and ignore it during output.
*/
nkids = 4;
if (colcnt[maxclr] > 1) {
    /* Loop through the four children */
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        pchild = pnode->child[i];

        /* If child node is already a WASH,
           nothing else can be done to it
        */
        if (pchild->nype == WASH) {
            continue;
        }

        childclr = pchild->color;

        /* Check for color match */
        if (childclr == pnode->color) {

            /* If child is leaf, release */
            if (pchild->nype == LEAF) {
                relnode(pchild);
                pnode->child[i] = NULL;
                nkids--;
            }

            /* otherwise, mark it as a WASH */
            else {
                pchild->nype = WASH;
            }
        }
    }
}

/* Reset node type -- a LEAF node has no children */
if (nkids == 0) {
    pnode->nype = LEAF;
}

/* A BLEND node has a color that represents some
   missing children, but still has some other
   children that are a different color.
*/
} else if (colcnt[maxclr] > 1) {
    pnode->nype = BLEND;
}

/* A WASH node is necessary in the quadtree because
   it points to existent children nodes, but will not
   be output because its information (i.e. color) is
   available either in child nodes or parent nodes.
*/
} else {
    pnode->nype = WASH;
}

relnode(pnode)
PNODE pnode;
/* release a node

input:
   pnode - pointer to node to release
*/
{
    free((char *) pnode);
}

static getcolor(lcode)
int lcode;
/* get the color of the pixel corresponding to a
   bottom level node whose position is given by a
   locational code

input:
   lcode - locational code of bottom level node

output:
   returns pixel color
*/
{
    int dir;
    int col = 0;
    int level;
    int row = 0;
    int shift;

    /* Convert node locational code to pixel row & column
       by looping through direction codes in locational
       code for each level from top to bottom
    */
    for (level = toplevel; level > 0; level--) {

        /* shift last row & col values left one bit */
        col <= 1;
        row <= 1;

        /* calculate the position of the direction
           code for this level and extract it
        */
        shift = (level - 1) * 2;
        dir = (lcode >> shift) & 0x3;

        /* increment the col value if quadrant is in
           left half, i.e. NE or SE child
        */
        if (dir == 1 || dir == 3) {
            col++;
        }

        /* increment the row value if quadrant is in
           bottom half, i.e. SW or SE child
        */
        if (dir == 2 || dir == 3) {
            row++;
        }
    }

    /* return pixel color */
    return(getpix(col, row));
}

static outtree(proot)
PNODE proot;
/* output the relevant nodes in the quad tree
   *
   * proot - pointer to the root node
   */
{

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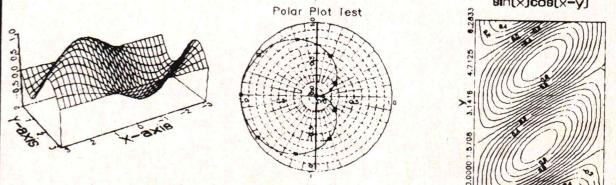
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*   size - size of the original image
*/
{
    int lcode, color;
    int corner[2];
    int side;

    /* Make the image size global */
    orgsize = size;

    /* Read and display each node */
    while (getnxn(&lcode, &color) != EOF) {

        /* Convert loc code to corners, side of square */
        square(lcode, corner, &side);

        /* Fill in the square */
        filrec(corner[0], corner[1], side, side, color);
    }
}

square(lcode, corner, psid)
int lcode;
int corner[2];
int *psid;
/* convert quadtree locational code to corner and side
   of the square represented by the corresponding node.

   input:
     lcode - locational code for this node

   output:
     corner - upper left corner of quadrant
     psid   - the size of the quadrant in pixels
*/
{
    int dir;
    int shift;

    corner[0] = corner[1] = 0;
    *psid = orgsize;

    /* Find the beginning of the code */
    for (shift = 30;
        ((lcode >> shift) & 0xff) == 0; shift -= 2);

    /* Convert node locational code to corner row &
       column by looping through direction codes in
       locational code for each level from top down.
    */
    for (shift -= 2; shift >= 0; shift -= 2) {

        /* The side of the square is reduced by a
           factor of two each level down.
        */
        *psid >>= 1;

        /* extract the direction code */
        dir = (lcode >> shift) & 0x3;

        /* increment the col value if quadrant is
           in left half, i.e. NE or SE child
        */
        if (dir == 1 || dir == 3) {
            corner[0] += *psid;
        }

        /* increment the row value if quadrant is
           in bottom half, i.e. SW or SE child
        */
        if (dir == 2 || dir == 3) {
            corner[1] += *psid;
        }
    }
}

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```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdarg.h>
3
4 ferr( fmt )
5 char *fmt;
6 {
7     /* ferr() is used for fatal error processing. It
8      * is used just like printf(). However, it exits
9      * the program with a status of 1 immediately after
10     * printing the message. I'm using ANSI, not UNIX
11     * variable argument conventions here.
12     */
13
14     va_list args;
15     va_start( args, fmt );
16     vfprintf( stderr, fmt, args );
17     exit( 1 );
18 }
```

End Listing Ten

Listing Eleven

```
#include <ascii.h>

#define min(a,b) ((a) < (b) ? (a) : (b))
#define max(a,b) ((a) > (b) ? (a) : (b))

typedef unsigned char UCHAR;

#ifndef DEBUG
#define D(x) /* For debugging, expands to it's argument when */
/* DEBUG is true, otherwise expands to an */
/* empty string. */
#endif

#define MAXLTRAP 100 /* Largest line number on which we can set a line
/* trap.
*/
#define MAXSTR 257 /* Maximum string width (this will limit both the
/* input and output widths
*/
#define MAXPAGE 511 /* Max page number which can be given with the
/* "-o" command line switch
*/
#define MAXARGS 10 /* Max # of arguments in a macro */
#define MAXNEST 10 /* Max level of macro nesting */
#define MAXMBUF 256 /* Largest macro stored in memory. Larger */
/* macros are written to files.

/*
 * Special characters:
 *
 * These symbols are used internally to pass information
 * from the character-oriented input functions to the
 * (in nrinp.c) to the multiple-byte character processing
 * functions (in nrtext.c and nrout.c). They are all
 * two-character sequences. Of these, VMOVE, HMOVE, and
 * CH_FONT are also used in the 16-bit wide CTYPE characters
 * discussed below.
 */
#define VMOVE (0xf8) /* Vertical motion */
#define HMOVE (0xf9) /* Horizontal motion */
#define CH_FONT (0xfa) /* Change font */
#define CH_ATTRIB (0xfb) /* Change attribute in current font */
#define SOFT_HYPHEN (0xfc) /* A soft hyphen goes here. */
#define ZWIDTH (0xfd) /* Next character is zero width */
#define UP_SPACE (0xfe) /* Unpaddable space */
#define LITCHAR (0xff) /* next character goes to printer is
/* literal (it goes to the printer
/* unchanged.
*/
/*
 * Default fonts and attributes:
 *
 * BOLD, OVER, and ITALICS are attributes which may apply to any font. PREVIOUS
 * turns off these attributes but doesn't spring a change font macro. ROMAN
 * replaces the current font with the roman font and also clears all
 * attributes.
 */
#define BOLD 'B' /* Bold face */
#define OVER 'O' /* Overstrike */
#define ITALICS 'I' /* Italics */
#define PREVIOUS 'P' /* Previous */
#define ROMAN 'R' /* Roman */

/*
 * Legal adjustment modes
 */
#define BOTH 'b' /* Legal adjustment modes */
#define ALT_BOTH 'n'
#define LEFT 'l'
#define RIGHT 'r'
#define CENTER 'c'
```

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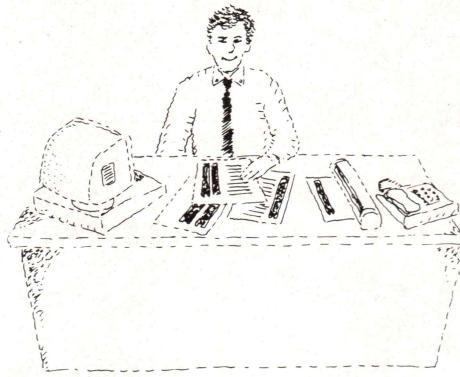
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/*
 * Number registers:
 *
 * The number registers are maintained as an array pointers to NREG
 * type objects. The array is kept sorted by register name.
 * nname is a pointer to the name, it usually points at nbuf.
 */

typedef struct _nr
{
    char            nname[3];
    int             nfmt ;
    int             nval ;
    int             incr_amt;
} NREG ;

/* Read/write pre-defined number registers: */
extern NREG *Nrpg; /* t Page number */
extern NREG *Nrdy; /* dy Day */
extern NREG *Nrdw; /* dw day of the week (0 - sun, 6- sat) */
extern NREG *Nrhr; /* h hour */
extern NREG *Nrln; /* ln Current .nm line number */
extern NREG *Nrnl; /* nl Current output line number */
extern NREG *Nrnm; /* m minute */
extern NREG *Nrmo; /* mo Month */
extern NREG *Nrs; /* s second */
extern NREG *Nryr; /* yr Year */

/* Read only pre-defined number registers: */
extern NREG *Nrhp; /* hp Current horizontal place on input line */
extern NREG *Nrdn; /* dn Height of most recent diversion */
extern NREG *Nrdl; /* dl Width of last completed diversion */
extern NREG *Nrargs; /* .s Number of args at current macro level */
extern NREG *Nrlines; /* .c Number of lines read from current input */
extern NREG *Nrplace; /* .d Current vert. place in current diversion */
extern NREG *Nrfont; /* .f Index in Fonts[] of current font */
extern NREG *Nrindent; /* .i Current indent column */
extern NREG *Nrilen; /* .l Current line length */
extern NREG *Nrtext; /* .n Length of text portion of previous line */
extern NREG *Nroffset; /* .o Current page offset */
extern NREG *Nrplen; /* .p Current page length */
extern NREG *Nrtrap; /* .t Distance to next trap */
extern NREG *Nrfill; /* .u 1 if in fill mode, 0 otherwise */
extern NREG *Nrsv; /* .v current vertical base-line spacing */

/*
 * Number register format types. The specified character found in the
 * left-most position of the .af command's c argument signifies the
 * type. In addition, the number of characters in the arabic padded mode
 * determines the fieldwidth of the number.
 * The format for arabic numbers is an ascii digit. If this digit is
 * '0' or '1' then the number is printed unpadded. If the digit is a '4'
 * it is printed in a 4 space field, right justified in the field and
 * padded with zeros. The special format READONLY is used by the read
 * only pre-defined number registers. They are always arabic format.
 */

#define ARABIC '1' /* 0, 1, 2, ... */
#define PADDED '0' /* 000, 001, 002, ... */
#define LC_ROMAN 'i' /* 0, i, ii, iii, iv, v, ... */
#define UC_ROMAN 'I' /* 0, I, II, III, IV, V, ... */
#define LC_ALPHA 'a' /* 0, a, b, ... , z, aa, ab ... */
#define UC_ALPHA 'A' /* 0, A, B, ... , Z, AA, AB ... */
#define LC_ENG 'e' /* zero, one, two, three ... */
#define UC_ENG 'E' /* zero, One, Two, Three ... */
#define READONLY 'r' /* Pre-defined, arabic format only */

/* Default values of the pre-defined number registers */

#define DEF_PAGE 1 /* Page number */
#define DEF_WIDTH 0 /* Width of most recent diversion */
#define DEF_HEIGHT 0 /* Height of most recent diversion */
#define DEF_DAY 1 /* Default day */
#define DEF_HORIZ 1 /* Current place on input line */
#define DEF_LINE 1 /* Output Line number */
#define DEF_MONTH 1 /* Default month */
#define DEF_YEAR 1985 /* Default year */
#define DEF_NARGS 0 /* # Args in current macro */
#define DEF_INLINES 0 /* Lines read from current input */
#define DEF_FONT 1 /* Vertical place in current diversion */
#define DEF_VERT 1 /* Index in Fonts[] of current font */
#define DEF_INDENT 0 /* Current indent column */
#define DEF_LINLEN 80 /* Default line length */
#define DEF_TEXTLEN 0 /* Len of text part of previous line */
#define DEF_OFFSET 0 /* Page offset */
#define DEF_PGLEN 66 /* Page length */
#define DEF_TOTRAP 66 /* Distance to next trap */
#define DEF_FILL 0 /* 1 if in fill mode */
#define DEF_LS 1 /* Default line spacing */

/* Largest column in which a tab can be set */
extern TSTOP Tabstop; /* The tabstop array (see nrglbls.c) */

/* Table used by command() to parse command lines:
 */
typedef char *CHARPTR;

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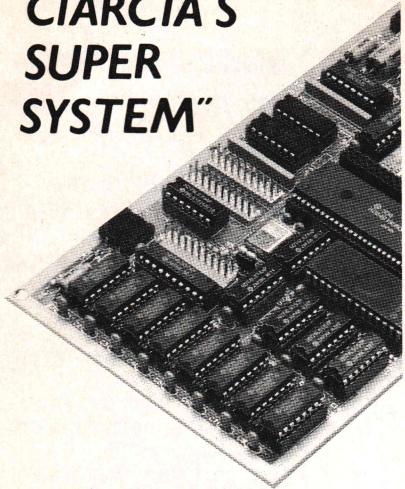
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```
typedef struct
{
    char    *cmd;          /* Command name */
    int     (*action)();   /* Subroutine to call when cmd found */
    unsigned type : 3;    /* Command type */
    unsigned inhib : 1;   /* 1 --> Inhibit works */
    char    *def;          /* Default value of numeric argument */
} CTAB;

/*
 * Table of user defined fonts (Fonts) is made up of FONT type.
 * NUMFONTS is the maximum number of user defined fonts.
 * The "widths" array holds the character widths. Maximum
 * number of characters is MAX_CHARS_IN_FONT. Font numbers
 * must be single characters (In the range 0-9) so NUMFONTS
 * must be <= 10. The "resolution" field is the middle argument
 * from the .hd command that was in effect when the .df was
 * executed. If a space is 6 units wide and "resolution" is set to
 * 2, then sending Right_str to the printer three times will
 * move the carriage one space to the right. If "resolution" is
 * 1, then the string will have to be sent 6 times to move the
 * same amount.
 */

typedef struct
{
    UCHAR   name;          /* Font name */
    UCHAR   smac[3];       /* Macro to enter new font */
    UCHAR   emac[3];       /* Macro to exit font */
    int    resolution;    /* Min horizontal resolution from .hd */
    UCHAR   *left;          /* String to go left from .hd */
    UCHAR   *right;         /* String to go right from .hd */
    UCHAR   *widths;        /* Array of character widths */
} FONT;

#define NUMFONTS      10
#define MAX_CHARS_IN_FONT 256

/*
 * Msc #defines and typedefs
 */

#define ISCMD(c) ( (c) == Cmd_chr || (c) == Nobreak )

/*
 * Defines to get at the value fields of the pre-defined
 * number registers (Those marked with an E are saved with a .ev
 * command):
 */

#define PAGE    (Nrpgr->nval)    /* Page number */ E */
#define WIDTH   (Nrdr1->nval)    /* Width of last completed diversion */ dl */
#define HEIGHT  (Nrdr2->nval)    /* Height of last completed diversion */ dn */
#define DAY     (Nrdr3->nval)    /* Day */ dy */
#define HORIZ   (Nrhrp->nval)    /* Current horiz-> place on input line */ ln */
#define LINE    (Nrnlr->nval)    /* Current .nm line number */ nl */
#define OLINE   (Nrnlr->nval)    /* Current output line number */ mo */
#define MONTH   (Nrnmr->nval)    /* Month */ yr */
#define YEAR    (Nryr->nval)    /* Year */ yr */
#define NARGS   (Nrargs->nval)   /* # of args at current macro level */ .s */
#define INLINES (Nrnlines->nval) /* # of lines read from current input */ .c */
#define VERT    (Nrvert->nval)   /* Vert. place in current diversion */ .d */
#define CURFONT (Nrfont->nval)   /* Currently active font (Font[i]) */ (E) .f */
#define INDENT   (Nrindent->nval) /* Current indent column */ (E) .i */
#define LINLEN  (Nrlln->nval)   /* Current line length */ (E) .l */
#define TEXTLEN (Nrtextlen->nval) /* Length of text part of prev out line */ .n */
#define OFFSETSET (Nroffset->nval) /* Current page offset */ (E) .o */
#define PGLEN   (Nrpglen->nval)  /* Current page length */ .p */
#define TOTRAP   (Nrtrap->nval)  /* Distance to next trap */ .t */
#define FILL    (Nrfill->nval)   /* 1 if in fill mode, 0 otherwise */ (E) .u */
#define LSPACE  (Nrline->nval)   /* Current line spacing (set w/.ls) */ (E) .v */

#define WEEKDAY (Nrwd->nval)   /* day of the week */ wd */
#define HOUR    (Nrhr->nval)   /* hour */ h */
#define MIN     (Nrmin->nval)   /* minute */ w */
#define SEC     (Nrsec->nval)   /* second */ s

/*
 * Global vars used by more than one module. (Those marked with an E are
 * saved with a .ev command.) Most of these are declared in nrgbls.h
 * but some are command-line switches and are found in nc.c.
 */
extern int Adjmode;    /* Current adjustment mode */ E */
extern int Adjusting;  /* One if adjusting lines */ E */
extern int Cmd_chr;   /* Command character */ E */
extern int Cont_ul;   /* Num of input lines to continuously underline */ E */
extern int Divtrap;   /* Location of diversion trap, -1 if none */ */
extern char Dtrap_name[]; /* Macro to invoke when diversion trap reached */ */
extern int Divwidth;  /* Width of most of last completed diversion */ */
extern int Esc;        /* Current escape character */ E */
extern int Hyphenate; /* Hyphenation is enabled during filling only */ */
extern int Hyphen_chr; /* Soft hyphen is <Hyphen_chr>, default = '-' */ */
extern char *Endm;    /* Name of macro invoked at end of input */ */
extern FONT Fonts[];  /* Table of user defined fonts */ */
extern int H_units;   /* Number of horizontal units / inch */ */
extern int H_space;   /* Number of horizontal units in a space */ */
extern FILE *file;    /* Current input file */ */
extern char *filename; /* Name of current input file */ */
extern int Inhibit;   /* Inhibit text and command processing except . */ */
extern int Itrap;     /* Lines left to current input trap -1 if none */ E */
extern char Itrap_name[]; /* Macro to invoke when itrap reaches 0 */ E */
extern int Ismacro;   /* 1 if file is a macro, 0 if a file */ */
extern int Idiv;      /* 1 if Ofile is a diversion, 0 if a file */ */
extern int Leader;    /* Current leader character */ E */
extern int Linenum;   /* Current output line number */ E
```

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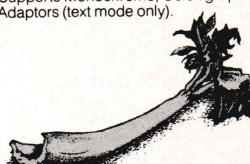


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extern char **Macv ; /* Macros arguments for current macro level */
extern int Nobreak ; /* Nobreak character */
extern int Nospace ; /* Suppress spacing as per .ns command */
extern int Nc_ntl ; /* Don't print control characters */
extern int Nm_blanks ; /* .nm will number blank lines too if true */
extern int Nm_on ; /* Line numbering enabled by .nm cmd */
extern int Nm_mult ; /* The M argument of the most recent .nm command */
extern char *Nm_str ; /* The S argument of the most recent .nm command */
extern int Nr_cpmode ; /* Nroff copy mode, expand \ in macro definitions */
extern int Nm_bold ; /* Remaining number of input lines to do bold */
extern int Num_center ; /* Remaining number of input lines to center */
extern int Num_os ; /* Number of input lines to print overstruck */
extern int Num_under ; /* Remaining number of input lines to underline */
extern FILE *Ofile ; /* Output file descriptor */
extern int Page_ch ; /* Translates to page number in 3 part titles */
extern int Plain ; /* Suppresses all bold, underline, and overstrike */
extern int Ptab [] ; /* Proportional spacing table */
extern int Quit ; /* Terminate nroff when set by .ex command */
extern int Tab ; /* Tab repetition character */
extern int Tabwidth ; /* Width of input tab stops */
extern int Tabs_enabled ; /* Expand tabs only if true */
extern int TempIn ; /* Temporary indent column */
extern int Title_len ; /* 3 part title line length (set with .lt cmd) */
extern int Verbose ; /* Echo commands to stdout as they're executed */
extern int Wordstar ; /* Wordstar-mode output */

extern char *Lmarg_str ; /* String used in .ml command */
extern char *Rmarg_str ; /* String used in .mc command */
extern char *Bd_on ; /* Send to printer to turn bold face on */
extern char *Bd_off ; /* Send to printer to turn bold face off */
extern char *Ul_on ; /* Send to printer to turn underline on */
extern char *Ul_off ; /* Send to printer to turn underline off */
extern char *Os_on ; /* Send to printer to turn Overstrike on */
extern char *Os_off ; /* Send to printer to turn Overstrike off */
extern int Bold ; /* Boldface currently active */
extern int Over ; /* Overstrike currently active */
extern int Italics ; /* Italics currently active */

extern char *Dn_str ; /* Send to printer to send cursor down 1/2 line */
extern char *Up_str ; /* Send to printer to send cursor up 1/2 line */
extern int Vs_amt ; /* This many \u or \d cmds moves one line */

extern char *Left_str ; /* Send to printer to go left */
extern char *Right_str ; /* Send to printer to go right */
extern int Hs_amt ; /* Above moves 1/n spaces */

```

End Listing Eleven

Listing Twelve

```

/*
 * Characters are handled internally as CTYPE's rather than chars.
 * The routines in nmap.c copy character strings into CTYPE
 * strings. The #defines in this file define the various attribute
 * bits, etc., in a CTYPE:
 */

/*
 * pad: character is paddable, only used for spaces.
 * lit: character must be taken literally.
 * width: If 0, character takes no space in output. If 1, the
 * character's width is in the currently active character
 * width table.
 * sh: A soft hyphen precedes this character.
 * os: Overstrike attribute (character is overstruck)
 * bold: Boldface attribute
 * ul: underline attribute
 *
 *      15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 0
 * +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
 * | 0 | pad | width | sh | os | bold | ul | character |
 * +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
 *
 *      15 14 13 12 10 0
 * +---+---+---+---+---+---+
 * | 1 | vm | hm | cf | amount or font-ID |
 * +---+---+---+---+---+---+
 *
 * vm: vertical motion
 * hm: horizontal motion
 * cf: change font
 */

typedef unsigned int CTYPE;

#define CHR 0x00ff /* Character mask */
#define UNDERLINED 0x0100 /* underlined bit */
#define BOLDFACE 0x0200 /* boldface bit */
#define OVERSTRIKE 0x0400 /* overstrike bit */
#define HYPHEN 0x0800 /* soft hyphen bit */
#define WIDTH_BIT 0x1000 /* width bit */
#define NOPAD_BIT 0x2000 /* space is paddable */

#define MODE_BIT 0x8000 /* Selects one of: */
#define VM_BIT 0x4000 /* Vertical motion */
#define HM_BIT 0x2000 /* Horizontal motion */
#define FONT_BIT 0x1000 /* Change font */

#define SET_UL(c) ((c) |= UNDERLINED) /* Underlined */
#define IS_UL(c) ((c) & UNDERLINED)

#define SET_BD(c) ((c) |= BOLDFACE) /* Bold */
#define IS_BD(c) ((c) & BOLDFACE)

#define SET_OS(c) ((c) |= OVERSTRIKE) /* Overstrike */
#define IS_OS(c) ((c) & OVERSTRIKE)

#define HYPHENATE(c) ((c) |= HYPHEN) /* Soft hyphen */
#define UNHYPHENATE(c) ((c) & ~HYPHEN)
#define HAS_HYPHEN(c) ((c) & HYPHEN)

#define CLRWIDTH(c) ((c) & ~WIDTH_BIT)
#define SETWIDTH(c) ((c) |= WIDTH_BIT)

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```
#define HASWIDTH(c)      (((c) & (MODE_BIT | WIDTH_BIT)) == \)
                           (((c) & (MODE_BIT | WIDTH_BIT)) )
#define CWIDTH(c)          (HASWIDTH(c) ? Fonts[CURFONT].widths[(c)&CHR] : 0)
                           Fonts[CURFONT].widths[' ' ] )
#define SETNOPAD(c)        ((c) != NOPAD_BIT)
#define PADDABLE(c)        (! ((c) & NOPAD_BIT) )
#define ISCHAR(c)          (((c) & MODE_BIT) == 0)
#define CHAR(c)            ((c) & CHR)
#define ATTRIBUTES(c)      ((unsigned)(c) >> 8)
#define TO_CTYPE(c)        ((CTYPE(c) | WIDTH_BIT)
#define WHITE(c)           (! ((c) & MODE_BIT) && PADDABLE(c) && CHAR(c) == ' ')
#define FVAL(c)             ((int)((UCHAR)(c)))
#define MVAL(c)             ((int)((int)(c)) << 4) >> 4 )
#define ISFONT(c)          (((c) & (MODE_BIT | FONT_BIT)) == \
                           (MODE_BIT | FONT_BIT) )
#define VERTICAL(c)        (((c) & (MODE_BIT | VM_BIT)) == \
                           (MODE_BIT | VM_BIT) )
#define HORIZONTAL(c)      (((c) & (MODE_BIT | HM_BIT)) == \
                           (MODE_BIT | HM_BIT) )
#define ISMOTION(c)        ( VERTICAL(c) || HORIZONTAL(c) )
#define MOTION(amt)        ( ((CTYPE)(amt) & 0xffff) | (MODE_BIT | HM_BIT) )
```

End Listing Twelve

Listing Thirteen

```
/* Length of text portion of current line. */
#define TLEN      (LINLEN - (INDENT + Tempin)) /* in spaces */
#define U_TLEN    (TLEN * SPACE_SIZE) /* in units */
```

End Listing Thirteen

Listing Fourteen

```
/*
 * NR.C
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 * This module contains the nrproc main() routine, and all
 * support for command line processing.
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <getargs.h>
#include <bitmap.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include "nr.h"

/* Variables set by command line switches. The non-static
 * variables are used in other modules. The others are used
 * by various routines in nrtext.c
 */
static char *Pagelist = NULL; /* Bit map used for -o option */
static char *Plist = ""; /* List of pages to print */
int Plain = 0; /* suppress bold, underline, etc. */
int Stop = 0; /* Stop output every N pages */
int No_cntl = 0; /* Don't print any control characters
                   * except \n. Used in nrtext.c */
int Verbose = 0; /* echo commands as they're executed */
static int Fpage = 1; /* Number of the first page. We can't
                      * use the PAGE number register
                      * because number registers don't
                      * exist yet. */
static int Even = 0; /* Print only even pages */
static int Odd = 0; /* Print only odd pages */
static int Unbuf = 0; /* Don't buffer the input stream */
extern int do_mfile(); /* Defined below, processes -m */
extern int do_tstr(); /* Defined below, processes -t */
extern int do_rreg(); /* Defined below, processes -r */

static ARG Argtab[] = {
    {'c', BOOLEAN,        &No_cntl, "don't print (C)ontrol characters" },
    {'d', BOOLEAN,        &Odd,    "print only o(D)d pages" },
    {'e', BOOLEAN,        &Even,   "print only e(V)en pages" },
    {'m', PROC,           (int *) do_mfile, "prepend (M)acro: /lib/tmac/<str>.mac" },
    {'n', INTEGER,         &Fpage,  "(N)umber first page N" },
    {'o', STRING,          &Plist,   "print (O)nly pages in list (<str>)" },
    {'p', BOOLEAN,        &Plain,   "Suppress bold, underline, overstrike" },
    {'r', PROC,           (int *) do_rreg, "set number (R)e: -rx<num> -r<xx<num>" },
    {'s', INTEGER,         &Stop,    "(S)top every n pages" },
    {'t', PROC,           (int *) do_tstr, "set s(T)ring: -tx<str> -t<xx<str>" },
    {'u', BOOLEAN,        &Unbuf,   "Don't buffer input for debugging" },
    {'v', BOOLEAN,        &Verbose, "V(erbose mode, echo input commands" )
```

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```

/*
#define ISODD(x)          ((x) & 1)
#define ISEVEN(x)          (!ISODD(x))
#define NAMESIZE 50

/* Full path name of macro file specified with
 * the -m command line argument. The %s will
 * be replaced with the string following the
 * -m on the command line. NAMESIZE should
 * agree with the precision field. (#1.32s).
 * A NAMESIZE sized buffer is used to hold
 * the expanded macro file name.
 */

#define MACFILE  "\\\lib\\tmac\\%1.8s.mac"
/*-----*/
get_pglist( )
{
/* Describes a page list from str. A page list is a
 * bit map with one bit representing each legal page.
 * 0 < N <= 512. Str is a null terminated string giving
 * the legal pages separated by commas. The notation
 * "N-M" may be used to print all pages between N and M
 * "-N-" means from the beginning of the document to
 * page N. "N--" means from page N to the end of the
 * document. The special forms: -oe and -oo print all
 * even pages and all odd pages respectively.
 */

register int      start, end;
if( !(Pagelist = (char *) makebitmap( MAXPAGE )) )
{
    err("Not enough memory to make page list\n");
    return;
}

if( (Even || Odd) && !*Plist )
    Plist = "-";

while ( *Plist )
{
    start = ( *Plist == '-' ) ? 1 : stoi( &Plist );
    /* At this point start will be set to 1 if there
     * was a leading dash or to the number if no
     * leading dash. "Plist" will be pointing past the
     * number. If *Plist is a dash we are doing a range.
     * else we are setting a single page.
    */

    if( *Plist != '-' )
        end = start;
    else
    {
        Plist++;
        if( !(end = stoi(&Plist)) )
            end = MAXPAGE; /* No # following - */
    }

    for( start <= end; start++ )
    {
        if
        ( ( !Even && !Odd
            ||( Even && ISEVEN(start) )
            ||( Odd && ISODD (start) )
        )
        {
            setbit( start, Pagelist, 1 );
        }
    }

    while( *Plist == ',' )
        Plist++;
}

#endif DEBUG
printf("Only the following pages will be printed: \n");
for( start = 1; start <= MAXPAGE; start++ )
    if( testbit(start, Pagelist) )
        printf("%d, ", start );
printf("\n");
}

/*-----*/
lspage( n )
{
/* Return 1 if n is a legal page to print (is in
 * the page list or no -o option was ever given).
 */

return( Pagelist ? testbit(n, Pagelist) : 1 );
}

o_mfile( name )
char *name;
{
/* This routine is called when the -m<str> argument
 * is encountered on the command line. It is called
 * directly by getargs.
 */

char nbuf[NAMESIZE] : /* Macro file name */
if( *name )

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```

{
    INLINES = 0;
    sprintf(nbuf, MACFILE, name);
    Ifilename = nbuf;

    if( !( Ifile = fopen(nbuf, "r") ) )
    {
        err("Can't open macro file: %s\n", nbuf );
        exit( 1 );
    }

    process( Ifile, Ifilename, 0, 0 );
    fclose( Ifile );
}

/*
do_tstr( str )
char *str;
{
    /* Called by getargs() when -t is encountered.
     * Given -tx<str> or -t(xx<str> initializes
     * register x or xx to <str>.
    */

    static char line[ MAXSTR ];
    char name[4];
    extern sgetc();

    name[2] = name[1] = 0;

    if( *str )
    {
        if( (name[0] = *str++) == '(' )
        {
            if( *str && *(str + 1) )
            {
                name[0] = *str++;
                name[1] = *str++;
            }
        }

        Ifile = (FILE *)str;
        getline( line, 0, sgetc );
        ds(name, line );

        return;
    }

    fprintf(stderr, "Illegal string name on command line");
}

/*
do_rreg(str)
char *str;
{
    /* Processes -r command line argument. Given
     * -rx<str> or -r(xx<str> initializes number
     * register x or xx to <str>.
    */

    char name[4];

    name[2] = name[1] = 0;

    if( *str )
    {
        if( (name[0] = *str++) == '(' )
        {
            if( *str && *(str + 1) )
            {
                name[0] = *str++;
                name[1] = *str++;
            }
        }

        putnreg(name, 0, atoi(str), 0, 1, 0);
        return;
    }

    fprintf(stderr, "Illegal register name on command line");
}

/*
onintr()
{
    /* Treat a Ctrl-C or Ctrl-Break as if we've
     * executed a .ex command.
    */

    signal( SIGINT, onintr );
    mac_clean(); /* Delete all macro disk files */
    exit( 1 );
}

/*
usage()
{
    exit( 1 );
}
*/

```

```

main(argc, argv)
int argc;
char **argv;
{
    /* Initialize:
     * df("R", ""); /* default, monospaced, font */
     * init_text(); /* text module */
     * init_nreg(); /* pre-defined number registers */
     */

    signal( SIGINT, onintr ); /* Treat ^C like .ex */

    argc = getargs(argc, argv, Argtab,
                    sizeof(Argtab)/sizeof(ARG), usage);

    PAGE = Fpage; /* Number of first page of
                     * document as per -n argument.
                     */

    if( *Plist || Even || Odd )
        get_pglist();

    Ofile = stdout;

    do { /* process a single input file */
        INLINES = 0;

        if( argc <= 1 )
        {
            Ifilename = "";
            Ifile = stdin;
        }
        else
        {
            Ifilename = *++argv;
            Ifile = fopen( Ifilename, "r" );
            if( !Ifile )
            {
                err("Can't open input file <%s>\n",
                    Ifilename);
                break;
            }
        }

        /* The setvbuf call puts us into unbuffered
         * input mode.
        */

        if( Unbuf )
            setvbuf( Ifile, NULL, _IONBF, 0 );

        process( Ifile, Ifilename, 0, 0 );
        fclose( Ifile );
    } while( --argc > 1 && !Quit );

    brk(); /* Flush output buffer */
}

/* Do the end macro if there is one. If we
 * don't clear Quit before expanding the macro,
 * getline() will return end of file and the macro
 * won't be executed.
 */

if( *Endm )
{
    Quit = 0;
    expand_macro(Endm);
}

mac_clean(); /* Delete all macros disk files */
exit( 0 );
}

```

End Listing Fourteen

Listing Fifteen

```

/*
 * NRCMD.C
 *
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 *
 * This module contains the routines to process individual
 * commands. Routines are accessed via the Cmdtab (see nr.c
 * and below)
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include "nr.h"

extern CTAB Cmdtab[] ;
extern int Ctabsize ;
extern char *skipto(), *skipwhite(); /* in tools.lib */
extern char *bsearch();

/*
cmdcmp( matchstr, cp )
register unsigned char *matchstr;
register CTAB *cp;
{
    /* Comparison routine used by search called in
     * command() below.
    */
}

```

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register unsigned int l, r;
D( printf("comparing %2.2s ", matchstr) );
D( printf("and %2.2s, " , cp->cmd) );
l = matchstr[0];
r = (cp->cmd)[0];
if( l == r )
{
    l = matchstr[1];
    r = (cp->cmd)[1];
    if( isspace(l) )
        l = 0;
}
D( printf("returning %d\n", l - r) );
return( l - r );
}

/*
numarg(s, offset)
char **s;
int *offset;
{
/* Get value of a numeric argument from *s. If the
 * number is followed by an i, inches are converted
 * to spaces. If the number is preceded by a '+' or
 * a '-' offset is set to 1. The argument may be an
 * expression and spaces are ignored. However the
 * argument must have been enclosed in double quotes
 * for a space to be part of the argument. S is
 * advanced past the numeric component and any
 * trailing whitespace. Return the value of the
 * argument.
*/
int error;
extern int getvar(), null();
extern double parse();
double val = 0.0;

if( **s )
{
    if( **s == '+' )
    {
        *offset = 1;
        (*s)++;
    }
    else if( **s == '-' )
        *offset = 1;
    val = parse( s );
}
return( (int)val );
}

/*
splitfields( cur, next )
char **cur, **next;
{
/* Split cur into two fields. Modify next to point
 * at the beginning of the second or at end of line.
 * Leading and trailing white space around the first
 * field is skipped quoted arguments are recognized
 * as being a single field, even if the quoted
 * string contains whitespace.
*/
register char *p;
p = *cur;
p = skipwhite(p, Esc);
if( *p == '"' )
{
    *cur = ++p;
    p = skipto('"', p, Esc);
}
else
{
    *cur = p;
    p = skipto(' ', p, Esc);
}
if( *p )
    *p++ = '\0'; /* Terminate current field */
p = skipwhite(p, Esc); /* Skip to next field */
if( *p == '"' ) /* strip any quotes */
{
    *skipto('"', ++p, Esc) = 0;
}
*next = p;
}

/*
command( first )
char *first;

```

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/*
 * Process a command found in "first". Do this by finding
 * the command in Cmdtab. If the command is found then
 * the associated subroutine (in the Cmdtab) is executed.
 *
 * The calling convention depends on the command type.
 * There are 4 types:
 *
 * type 0:    .xx <optional string>
 * type 1:    .xx <number> <optional string>
 * type 2:    .xx <string> <number> [optional tail]
 * type 3:    .xx <string> <optional string>
 *
 * A <string> is passed null terminated with leading and
 * trailing white space or quotes stripped. A <number>
 * is passed as an int. An <optional string> is passed
 * without trailing white space or leading and trailing
 * quotes stripped.
 *
 * Type 0: (* action)( str, dobreak );
 *         char *str;
 *
 * Type 1: (* action)( val, str, offset, dobreak );
 * Type 2: (* action)( val, str, offset, dobreak, tail );
 *         double val;
 *         char *str;
 *         char *tail;
 *
 * Type 3:  (* action)( leftstr, rightstr, dobreak );
 *         char *leftstr, *rightstr;
 *
 * Note that command() will mess up the input string,
 * putting a null after the first character. If you need
 * to keep the string around for longer than one command,
 * copy it somewhere safe.
 */

extern CTAB *search(); /* routine to search for cmd */
register CTAB *cmd; /* current command */
char *second; /* points at second argument */
char *p; /* general-purpose pointer */
int val = 0; /* value of numeric argument */
int offset = 0; /* true if val is an offset */
int rval = 0; /* return value */
int dobreak; /* true if a normal Cmd char,
 * false if a nobreak command
 * char. */
 */

dobook = (*first++ == Cmd_chr);
while( *first && (*first & 0x7f) <= ' ' )
    first++;
if( !*first ) /* This is a comment line */
    return 0;
cmd = (CTAB *) bsearch(first, Cmdtab, Ctabsize,
    sizeof(CTAB), cmdcmp);

if( !cmd )
{
    /* Command isn't in the table. See if it's a
     * macro. Print an error message if it isn't.
     */
    if( !expand_macro( first ) )
        err( ".%2s not a command or macro\n", first );
    return 0;
}
if( Inhibit && cmd->inhibit ) /* Input is inhibited. See */
    return 0; /* See doif() in nrmsc.c */
    /* for details. */
offset = 0; /* advance past the actual */
first += 2; /* command. */

if( cmd->type == 0 )
{
    first = *first ? skipwhite(first, Esc) : cmd->def;
    if( *first == '"' )
        *skipito('"', ++first, Esc) = 0;
    rval = (*cmd->action)( first, dobreak );
    goto exit;
}

splitfields( &first, &second );
switch( cmd->type )
{
    case 1:
        p = *first ? first : cmd->def;
        val = numarg( &p, &offset );
        rval = (*cmd->action)( val, second, offset,
            dobreak );
        break;
    case 2:
        p = *second ? second : cmd->def;

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```

    val = numarg( &p, &offset );
    p = skipSpace( p, Esc );
    if( *p == '\"' )
        *skipto('\"', ++p, Esc) = '\0';
    rval = (*cmd->action)( val, first, offset,
                           dobreak, p );
    break;

case 3:
    rval = (*cmd->action)( *first? first: cmd->def,
                           second, dobreak );
    break;

default:
    err( "*** Internal Error, bad type: %d in Cmdtab\n",
          cmd->type );
    break;
}

exit:
    return( cmd->inhibit ? 0: rval );
}

```

End Listing Fifteen

Listing Sixteen

```

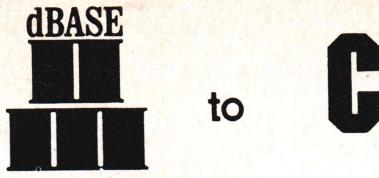
#include <stdio.h>
#include <hash.h>
#include "nr.h"

/*-----
 * NREG.C
 *
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 * This module holds routines for manipulating and accessing
 * number registers.
 *
 */
static int Regnum = 0; /* Used to print number registers */
HASH_TAB *Nregs = 0; /* Hash table that holds number */
/* registers. */
/*-----
init_nreg()
{
    extern NREG *putnreg();
    int garbage;
    Nregs = maketab( 127 );
    Nrpq = putnreg( "", ARABIC, DEF_PAGE, 0,1,1 );
    Nrargs = putnreg( ".s", READONLY, DEF_NARGS, 0,1,1 );
    Nrlines = putnreg( ".c", READONLY, DEF_INLINES, 0,1,1 );
    Nrvplace = putnreg( ".d", READONLY, DEF_VERT, 0,1,1 );
    Nrvfont = putnreg( ".f", READONLY, DEF_FONT, 0,1,1 );
    Nrindent = putnreg( ".i", READONLY, DEF_INDENT, 0,1,1 );
    Nrllen = putnreg( ".l", READONLY, DEF_LINLEN, 0,1,1 );
    Nrtlen = putnreg( ".n", READONLY, DEF_TEXTLEN, 0,1,1 );
    Nroffset = putnreg( ".o", READONLY, DEF_OFFSET, 0,1,1 );
    Nrpplen = putnreg( ".p", READONLY, DEF_PGLEN, 0,1,1 );
    Nrtotrap = putnreg( ".t", READONLY, DEF_TOTRAP, 0,1,1 );
    Nrfill = putnreg( ".u", READONLY, DEF_FILL, 0,1,1 );
    Nrv = putnreg( ".v", READONLY, DEF_LS, 0,1,1 );
    Nrdl = putnreg( ".dl", ARABIC, DEF_WIDTH, 0,1,1 );
    Nrdn = putnreg( ".dn", ARABIC, DEF_HEIGHT, 0,1,1 );
    Nrdy = putnreg( ".dy", ARABIC, DEF_DAY, 0,1,1 );
    Nrh = putnreg( ".h", ARABIC, 0, 0,1,1 );
    Nhrp = putnreg( ".hp", ARABIC, DEF_HORIZ, 0,1,1 );
    Nrln = putnreg( ".ln", ARABIC, DEF_LINE, 0,1,1 );
    Nrn1 = putnreg( ".ni", READONLY, 1, 0,1,1 );
    Nrm = putnreg( ".m", ARABIC, 0, 0,1,1 );
    Nrmo = putnreg( ".mo", ARABIC, DEF_MONTH, 0,1,1 );
    Nrs = putnreg( ".s", ARABIC, 0, 0,1,1 );
    Nrdw = putnreg( ".wd", ARABIC, 0, 0,1,1 );
    Nryr = putnreg( ".yr", ARABIC, DEF_YEAR, 0,1,1 );
    time( &HOUR, &MIN, &SEC, &garbage );
    date( &MONTH, &DAY, &YEAR, &WEEKDAY );
    WEEKDAY++; /* Translate 0-6 to 1-7 for compatibility */
}

/*-----
not_deletable( name )
char *name;
{
    /* Return true if name is a pre-defined but not read
     * only number register.
    */
    register int c1, c2;
    c1 = name[0];
    c2 = name[1];
    return( ( c1 == 'i' && c2 == '0' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'h' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'l' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'n' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'r' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 's' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 't' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'u' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'v' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'w' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'x' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'y' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'd' && c2 == 'z' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '0' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '1' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '2' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '3' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '4' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '5' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '6' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '7' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '8' ) ||
           ( c1 == 'f' && c2 == '9' ) );
}

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Listing Sixteen (Listing continued, text begins on page 96.)

```

    ( cl == 'd' || c2 == 'y' ) ||
    ( cl == 'h' || c2 == 'p' ) ||
    ( cl == 'l' || c2 == 'n' ) ||
    ( cl == 'm' || c2 == 'o' ) ||
    ( cl == 'y' || c2 == 'r' ) );
}

/*-----*/
NREG *putnreg(name, fmt, val, offset, create, incr_amt)
char *name;
int fmt, val, offset;
{
/* Change the value of any field of a number
 * register called "name." If the number register
 * does not exist and "create" is true, then create
 * it. Offset is treated as follows:
 *
 * offset < 0 number register not modified
 * offset == 0 number register = val
 * offset > 0 number register += val
 *
 * If fmt is non-zero put it into the format field,
 * else leave the nfmt field alone. Ditto with
 * incr_amt. Number registers who's format is
 * READONLY can't be modified. Return a pointer to
 * the register if it was found or created or
 * NULL if register not found and/or not created.
 */
register NREG *pnode;
if (*name == '\0')
    return NULL;
if( !(pnode = (NREG *) findsym( Nregs, name )) )
{
    if( !create )
    {
        err("Number register doesn't exist\n");
        return NULL;
    }
    pnode = (NREG *) addsym( Nregs, name, sizeof(NREG));
    pnode->nfmt = ARABIC;
    pnode->nval = 0;
    pnode->incr_amt = 1;
}
if( pnode->nfmt == READONLY )

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```

    {
        err("Can't modify a read-only number register\n");
        return (NREG *) 0;
    }

    if( incr_amt )
        pnode->incr_amt = incr_amt;

    if(fmt)
        pnode->nfmt = fmt;

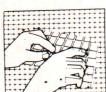
    if( offset >= 0 )
    {
        if( offset )
            pnode->nval += val;
        else
            pnode->nval = val;
    }
    return(pnode);
}

/*-----*/
rm_nreg(name)
char *name;
{
/* Remove number register "name" if it exists.
 */
register NREG *node;
if( !(node = (NREG *) findsym( Nregs, name )) )
    err("Can't find number register <%1.2s>\n", name );
else if( node->nfmt == READONLY || !not_deletable(name) )
    err("May not delete pre-defined number register\n");
else
    delsym( Nregs, (BUCKET *) node );
}

/*-----*/
printf( name, p )
NREG *p;
{
    printf("%s = %d (format = %c, incr by %d)",
           name, p->nval, p->nfmt, p->incr_amt);
}

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printf( (++Regnum & 2) ? "\t" : "\r\n" );
}

pr_nregs()
{
    /* Print out the values of all the number registers
     */

    Regnum = 0;
    ptab( Nregs, prnt );
    printf("\r\nThere are %d number registers\r\n", Regnum);
}

/*
-----*/
int    nrtoi( p, fmt )
char   *p;
int    *fmt;
{
    /* Return the value of the number reg. variable
     * whose name is in string. Fmt is modified to be
     * the contents of the registers format field.
     * If *p is a +, the number register is
     * auto pre-incremented, if it's a -, it's pre-
     * decremented. If it's 0, it isn't modified.
     * Non-existent number registers evaluate to 0.
     */

    int      rval = 0;
    int      i = 0;
    NREG   *node;

    *fmt = ARABIC; /* Default error return values */

    if( !*p )

        err("Missing number register name\n");
    else
    {
        if( *p == '-' || *p == '+' )
            i = (*p++ == '+') ? 1 : -1;

        if( node = (NREG *) findsym(Nregs, p) )
        {
            *fmt      = node->fmt;
            node->nval += (node->incr_amt * i);
            rval      = node->nval;
        }
    }

    return( rval );
}

```

End Listing Sixteen

Listing Seventeen

```

/* NRGLBLS.C: Global variables used by several modules
 *
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 *
 * Global variables used by the various nroff routines
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "nr.h"

/*
-----*
*      Nodes for pre-defined number registers
*/
NREG   *Nrpg      ;
NREG   *Nrargs    ;
NREG   *Nrlines   ;
NREG   *Nrplace   ;
NREG   *Nrfont    ;
NREG   *Nrindent  ;
NREG   *Nrlllen   ;
NREG   *Nrlllen   ;
NREG   *Nrroffset ;
NREG   *Nrpllen   ;
NREG   *Nrtrap    ;
NREG   *Nrfill    ;
NREG   *Nrldl     ;
NREG   *Nrdrn     ;
NREG   *Nrddy     ;
NREG   *Nrhp      ;
NREG   *Nrln      ;
NREG   *Nrmo      ;
NREG   *Nrnl      ;
NREG   *Nrryr     ;
NREG   *Nrwd      ;
NREG   *Nrhh      ;
NREG   *Nrmm      ;
NREG   *Nrns      ;
NREG   *Nrsv      ;

/*
-----*
* Tabstop is an array of tabstops, indexed by column number.
* 0 means no tab stop in that column, 'R' means right
* adjusting, 'L' is left adjusting, 'C' is centering. Tab
* positions are all increments of spaces from the left
* margin. The leftmost column is column 1. tabs are set
* and cleared by tabsel() and tabclr() (in nrmsc.c). They
* are used in nrtext.c
*/

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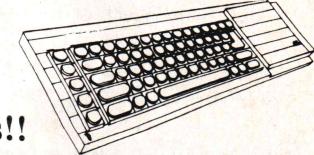
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Listing Eighteen

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 * NRINP.C: Input and escape sequence processing. Also
 *           contains process(), the highest level input
 *           processing routine.
 *
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 */
/*
 *include <stdio.h>
 *include <ctype.h>
 *include "nr.h"
 *
#define ishex(c) ((0'<=(c) && (c)<='9') || \
               ('A'<=(c) && (c)<='F') )
#define tohex(c) ((0'<=(c) && (c)<='9') ? (c)-'0' \
               : ((c)-'A') + 0x0a)
/*
 *-----*
static int Abort_process = 0; /* Used by escape to tell
                             * process to abort the
                             * current process.
 */
static int New_font = 0; /* Used by chfont() */
extern char *expandstr(char*, char*, int); /* nrmac.c */
extern char *cpy( char*, char* ); /* tools.lib */
/*
 *-----*
gnum( inp, ifile, nextc )
int (*inp)(), *nextc;
FILE *ifile;
{
/* Get a decimal number from input, the number can be
 * given explicitly or as a number register
 * (ie. \1\n(xx- is legal, it will draw as many '-'s
 * as are specified in the \n(xx number register. The
 * number is returned and *c is modified to hold the
 * first nondigit.
 */
int c, i, sign = 1;
UCHAR name[4];
if( (c = (*inp)(ifile)) == Esc )
{
    if( (c = (*inp)(ifile)) == 'n' )
    {
        gname( name, inp, ifile, 1 );
        i = ntoi( name, &c );
        c = (*inp)(ifile);
    }
    else
        err("Must use number or number register\n");
}
else
{
    if( c == '-' )
    {
        sign = -1;
        c = (*inp)(ifile);
    }
    else if( c == '+' )
        c = (*inp)(ifile);
    for( i = 0; isdigit(c) ; c = (*inp)(ifile) )
    {
        i = (i * 10) + (c - '0');
    }
}
*nextc = c;
return i * sign;
}
/*
 *-----*
gname( name, inp, ifile, nreg )
char *name;
int (*inp)();
FILE *ifile;
{
/* Get a string or number register name from inp and
 * put it into name. In the case of an autoincrement
 * ( \n-(xx for example ), a leading - or + is put
 * into the name too.
 */
register int c;
c = (*inp)(ifile);
if( nreg && (c == '+' || c == '-') )
{
    *name++ = c;
    c = (*inp)(ifile);
}
if( c == '(' )
{
    *name++ = (*inp)(ifile);
    *name++ = (*inp)(ifile);
}
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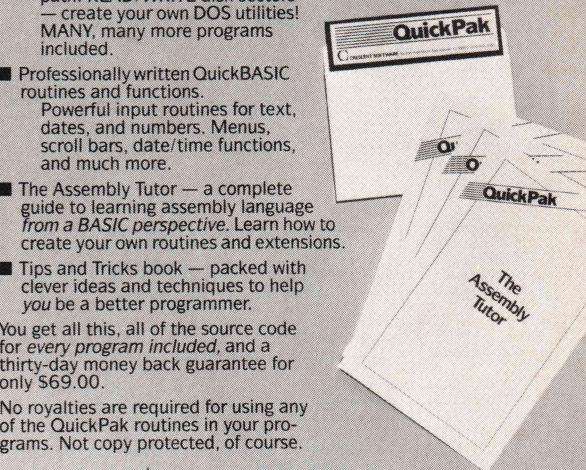
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}
else
  *name++ = c ;
*name = 0 ;
}

/*-----*/
#define get_quote(str) if( (*inp)(ifile) != '\'') \
{ \
  err("Missing quote in %s\n", str); \
  break; \
} \
else \
{
  /*-----*/
int escape( tstart, target, cpmode, inp, ifile, maxch)
UCHAR *tstart, **target;
int (*inp)();
FILE *ifile;
{
  /* {
   * Expand escape sequences, using inp() to get
   * additional input when required. Expand at most maxch
   * characters. Target is modified to point past the
   * expanded string. The input character following the
   * escape sequence is returned.
   *
   * Tstart is the array into which characters go. *target
   * is the current location in that array. The input
   * character following the escape sequence is returned.
   *
   * Note that the string "\t" will actually put a tab
   * character (unexpanded) into the input stream. An ASCII
   * ^I or a \T, will have been expanded by getline().
   *
   * Copy mode is a subset of normal mode used for macro
   * definitions. In normal copy mode (Nr_cpmode == 0) the
   * only recognized escape sequences are '\"' and
   * '<newline>'. Other sequences are just copied to the
   * target string. In nroff-compatible copy mode
   * (Nr_cpmode != 0), the following are recognized:
   *   \. \\\\" \$ \n \" \<newline>
   *
   * Nested /* expansions are supported and the strings
   * can contain other escape sequences (like \nx). Note
   * that nesting is handled recursively in that
   * expandstr(), called below, will call escape() to
   * expand internal escape sequences. For reasons of
   * nroff compatibility \i is mapped to . and \v will
   * cause process() to terminate immediately after doing
   * the line on which the \v was found, as if it had
   * seen a .
   */
}

register int i; /* temporary */
int c; /* current input character */
int j; /* temporary */
int linechar; /* line-drawing character */
UCHAR *bp; /* general-purpose pointer */
UCHAR *dest; /* Pointer to target array */
UCHAR name[8]; /* string or number reg name */
static UCHAR temp[80]; /* buffer used by itoaascii() */
/* to translate number */

#ifdef DEBUG
printf("escape:targ=0x%lx, cpmode=%d, inp=0x%lx, maxch=%d",
       target, cpmode, inp, maxch);
printf("\nescape: macv = 0x%lx\n", Macv);
for( i=10; Macv && i>0; )
  printf("escape: %d: <%2.2s>\n", i, Macv[i]);
#endif

dest = *target;

/* Cases in the following switch are expanded whether
 * or not we're in copy mode. "c" holds the character
 * following the escape character.
 */

switch( c = (*inp)(ifile) )
{
case '\n':
  /* Throw away input up to the newline or end of
   * file. Then delete all white space preceding the
   * comment. Use "goto exit" in order to avoid
   * getting another input character.
   */
  while( (c = (*inp)(ifile)) != '\n' && c != EOF )
    ;
  while( --dest == ' ' || *dest == '\t' )
    if( dest < tstart )
      break;
  ++dest;
  goto exit;

case '\n': /* line continuation, just eat the \n */
  goto newchar;

default:
  if( cpmode && !Nr_cpmode )
}
}

/*-----*/
/* In non-nroff copy mode, only '\"' and '\<CR>
 * are recognized. Everything else goes
 * through to the output.
 */
*dest++ = Esc ;
*dest++ = c ;
goto newchar;
}

/* Cases in the following switch are expanded either in
 * nroff-compatible copy mode or when not in copy mode
 * of any sort (because of the goto branch in the default
 * case of the previous switch()). They are not expanded
 * in normal copy mode.
 */
switch( c )
{
case ',':
case ';':
  /*dest++ = LITCHAR ;
   *dest++ = c;
   HORIZ++;
   goto newchar;
  */

case '$':
  /* Expand macro arguments. The leftmost one is in
   * * Macv[0] but, for nroff compatibility we access
   * it as $1. $0 can not be accessed.
   */
  if( !Macv )
  {
    err("'\$<num> can only be used in a macro\n" );
    goto newchar;
  }

  if( (i = (*inp)(ifile) - '0') < 1 || i > 9 )
  {
    err("'\$n: invalid number, 1 <= n <= 9\n" );
    goto newchar;
  }

  for( bp = Macv[i-1] ; *bp && --maxch >= 0 ; )
  {
    HORIZ++ ;
    *dest++ = *bp++;
  }
  goto newchar;

case 'n':
  /* \nx or \n(xx */
  gname( name, inp, ifile, 1 );
  i = nrtoi( name, &j );
  if( j == READONLY )
    j = ARABIC;
  i = itoaascii(temp, j, i);
  if( maxch < i )
    err("Buffer too small to expand register\n");
  else
  {
    dest = cpy( dest, temp );
    HORIZ += i;
  }
  goto newchar;

case '*':
  /* /*(xx or /*x */
  gname( name, inp, ifile, 0 );
  bp = dest;
  dest = expandstr( name, dest, maxch );
  HORIZ += dest - bp;
  goto newchar;

default:
  if( cpmode ) /* We're in nroff-compatible */
  {
    if( c != Esc ) /* copy mode */
      *dest++ = Esc ;
    *dest++ = c ;
    goto newchar;
  }
  break;

/* Cases in the following switch are expanded only
 * when we're not in copy mode of any sort.
 */

switch( c )
{
Case ' ' : *dest++ = UP_SPACE; HORIZ++;
Case '0' : *dest++ = 'T'; HORIZ++;
Case '!' : /* ignored */
Case '^' : /* ignored */
}

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case 'N' : *dest++ = '\n'; break;
case '-' : *dest++ = '-'; HORIZ++; break;
case 's' : *dest++ = LITCHAR; break;
case 'z' : *dest++ = ZWIDTH; break;

case 't' : *dest++ = LITCHAR /*fall through*/;
case 'T' : *dest++ = '\t'; break;

case 'a' : *dest++ = LITCHAR /*fall through*/;
case 'A' : *dest++ = SOH; break;

case 'o' : /* superimpose \o'abcd' */

    get_quote("\o");
    while((c = (*inp)(ifile)) != '\'' && maxch > 4)
    {
        maxch -- 2;
        *dest++ = ZWIDTH;
        *dest++ = (c != Esc) ? c : (*inp)(ifile);
    }

    *dest++ = HMOVE;
    *dest++ = Hs_amt;
    break;

    HORIZ++;

case 'x': /* \x<2-hex-digits> */

    c = (*inp)(ifile); /* c = MS digit */
    i = (*inp)(ifile); /* i = LS digit */
    c = toupper(c);
    i = toupper(i);

    if( !ishex(c) || !ishex(i) )
        err("\x must be followed by two hex digits\n");
    else
    {
        /* \xNN takes up space. If you need to have
         * a zero width escape sequence get to the
         * output in right-adjusted text, use the
         * .ou command or \fx mechanism.
        */

        *dest++ = (tohex(c) << 4) | tohex(i);
        HORIZ++;
    }
    break;

case '!':
    *dest++ = '!';
    *dest++ = '!';
    HORIZ += 2;

    if( c = (*inp)(ifile) == Esc )
        c = (*inp)(ifile);

    goto exit;

case ')':
    /* Setting Abort_process to nonzero forces
     * process() to terminate AFTER processing the
     * current line. It has the same effect as a .
     * command at the beginning of the next line.
     * All text following the \ on the line is
     * discarded.
    */
    Abort_process = 1;

    while( (c = (*inp)(ifile)) != '\n' && c != EOF )
        ;

    goto exit;

case 'e': /* \e printable version of the */
    *dest++ = LITCHAR /* current escape character */
    *dest++ = Esc;
    HORIZ++;
    break;

case 'f': /* Change font \f(RBIOPx) */

    if( maxch < 2 )
    {
        err("No room in input buffer\n");
        break;
    }

    switch( c = (*inp)(ifile) )
    {
    case BOLD:
    case ITALICS:
    case OVER: *dest++ = CH_ATTRIB; break;
    default: *dest++ = CH_FONT; break;
    }

    *dest++ = c;
    break;

case 'r': /* up 1 line */
case 'u': /* up 1/2 line */
case 'd': /* down 1/2 line */
    if( maxch > 2 )
    {
        *dest++ = VMOVE;
        *dest++ = (c == 'r') ? -Vs_amt :
                    (c == 'u') ? -max(Vs_amt/2, 1) :
                    (c == 'd') ? max(Vs_amt/2, 1);
    }
    break;

case 'h': /* \h'N' \h'Nu' Horizontal motion */
case 'v': /* \v'N' \v'Nu' Vertical motion */
    if( maxch < 2 )
        break;

    get_quote("\v or \h");
    *dest++ = (c == 'v') ? VMOVE : HMOVE;
    j = c;
    i = gnum(inp, ifile, &c);

    if( c != 'u' )
        *dest++ = i * ((j == 'v') ? Vs_amt : Hs_amt);
    else
    {
        *dest++ = i;
        get_quote("\v or \h");
    }
    break;

case 'l': /* horizontal line \l'Nc' */
case 'L': /* vertical line \L'Nc' */

    /* Note that you can't use an escape sequence for
     * the line character (as in '\l'0\x85'). You can
     * say:
     *     .ds li \l'0\x85'
     *     \l
     * however.
    */

    get_quote("\l'Nc' or \L'Nc'");
    j = (c == 'l');
    i = gnum(inp, ifile, &c); /* i = N in \L'Nc' */
    if( c == 'l' )
        linechar = j ? '_' : '|';
    else
    {
        linechar = c;
        get_quote("\l or \L");
    }

    while( --i >= 0 && --maxch > 4 )
    {
        if( !j )
            *dest++ = ZWIDTH;

        *dest++ = linechar;

        if( !j )
        {
            *dest++ = VMOVE;
            *dest++ = Vs_amt;
        }
    }

    if( maxch < 0 )
        err("line drawn by \l or \L is too long\n");
    break;

default:
    if( c == Hyphen_chr ) /* \$ */
        *dest++ = SOFT_HYPHEN;
    else
        *dest++ = c; /* \<any char> */

    HORIZ++;
    break;
    }

newchar:
    c = (*inp)(ifile);
exit:
    *target = dest;
    return( c );
}

/* Sgetc(s) is used to process a mode 2 process() call.
 */
sgetc(s)
UCHAR **s;
{
    return **s ? *((*s)++) : EOF;
}

chgfont(c)
{
    /* If New_font is non-zero a font-change
    */
}

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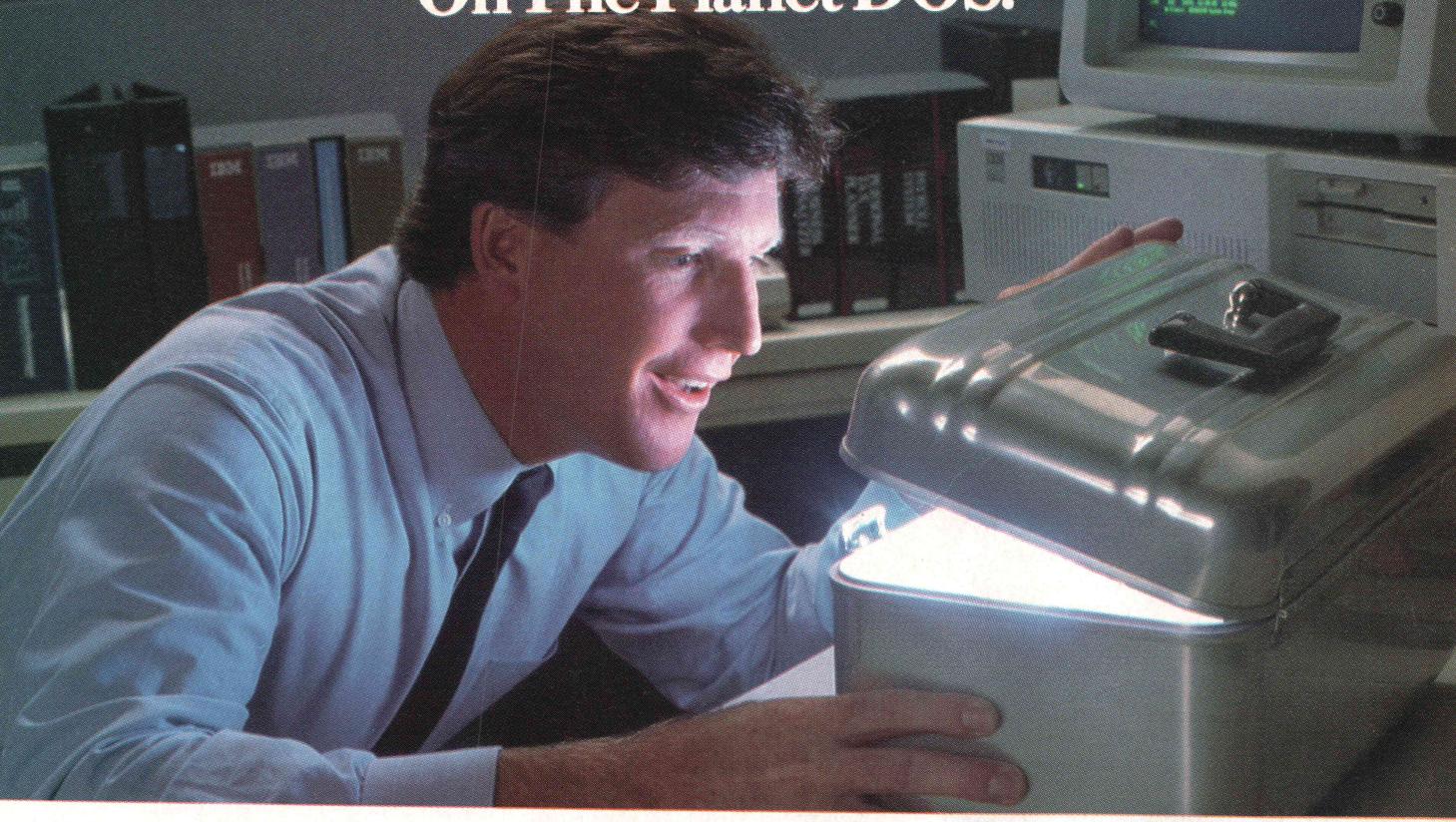
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* request is appended to the front of the
* next input line. Chgfont() is called
* from the routine that processes the .ft
* request [ ft() in nrprocs.c ] and also
* when an environment is restored (by
* pop_env() in nrmsc.c).
*/
New_font = c;
}
/*
int getline(target, copymode, inp)
int (*inp)();
UCHAR *target;
{
/* Get an input line & put it into target. Get at most
 * MAXSTR characters. The input file, Ifile, is either
 * an input file or an input macro depending on the
 * state of the global Ismacro. Return 1 on success
 * or 0 on end of file. Lines ending with <Esc><newline>
 * are continued to the next line, otherwise newline
 * terminates the line. The newline character is not
 * put into the string. Tabs (^I) are expanded to a
 * sequence of spaces (^I is expanded into a ^I by
 * escape(). This ^I will be processed by in the text()
 * module. Trailing white space is stripped from the line.
 *
 * Copymode is just passed through to escape() (which
 * expands escape sequences).
*/
register UCHAR *rp;
register int c;
UCHAR *p;
if( Quit ) /* Quit is set by the .ex command */
    return 0; /* pretend we've seen end of file */
INLINES++; /* Increment number of input lines */
p = target;
c = (*inp)(Ifile);
while( (p - target) < MAXSTR )
{
    if( c == '\n' || c == EOF )
        break;
    if( c != Esc )
    {
        *p++ = c;
        c = (*inp)(Ifile);
    }
    else
        c = escape(target, &p, copymode, inp, Ifile,
                   MAXSTR - (p-target));
}
*p = 0;
if( Tabs_enabled )
    dotab(target); /* Expand tabs and leaders */
if( New_font && !ISCMD(*target) )
{
    /* This is a kludge but it's the most convenient
     * way to get a font change into the input stream
     * at the correct place. We can't just change
     * fonts when the .ft is executed because we
     * might be filling and .ft doesn't cause a break
     */
    memcpy( target+2, target, (p-target) + 1 );
    switch( New_font )
    {
        case PREVIOUS:
        case BOLD:
        case ITALICS:
        case OVER: target[0] = CH_ATTRIB;
                    break;
        default: target[0] = CH_FONT;
                    break;
    }
    target[1] = New_font;
    New_font = 0;
}
return( !(c == EOF && p == target) );
}
/*
process( nifile, nfilename, mode, nmavc )
FILE *nifile; /* Input file descriptor */
char *nfilename; /* Name of input file */
int mode; /* processing mode (see below) */
char **nmavc; /* Macro arguments */
{
    /* This routine actually does the processing of a file
     * or a macro. It is a 2nd order recursive routine. That
     * is process() is called recursively every time the
     * input is changed (by a .so command, a macro expansion,
     * etc.). Macv is an argv-like array of arguments to
     * macros. Ifile is a pointer to either a FILE or to a

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* macro descriptor returned by mopen() (in nrmac.c)
* according to the state of mode. The following modes
* are recognized
*
* 0  Input is from a file or stream and Ifile is
*    a FILE pointer.
* 1  Input is from a macro and Ifile is a macro
*    pointer returned from mopen().
* 2  Input is from a string and Ifile is a pointer
*    to that string. Note that mode two commands
*    are processed with the current file (ie.
*    ifile, nfilename and nmacro are ignored).
*
* Process returns immediately if command() returns true.
*
* This routine is extremely recursive. Be careful with
* static variables (ie. don't use them).
*/

```

```

UCHAR  line [MAXSTR] ;
UCHAR  *oiname, **omacv ;
int    oinlines, oismacro ;
FILE   *ofile ;
int    oinhibit ;
int    mgetc(), fgetc();

#endif DEBUG
printf("Mode %d process call: ", mode );
printf("file <0x%> named <s>, mactv @ 0x%>\n",
      nfilename, nmacro, nfilename, nmacro);

printf("%s processing started (from %s, line %d)\n",
      nfilename, Ifilename, INLINES);
#endif

oinhibit = Inhibit ;
oinlines = INLINES ; /* Save program state on */
ofile   = Ifile ; /* the stack */
oiname  = Ifilename ;
oismacro = Ismacro ;
omacv   = Macv ;

INLINES = 0 ; /* Create new program state */
Ifile  = nfilename ;
Ifilename = nfilename ;
Ismacro = mode ;
Macv   = nmacro ;

if( mode == 2 )
{
    Ifile = (FILE *) nfilename; /* Ifile is a string ptr */
    getline( line, 0, sgetc );

    if( Verbose )
        printf( "\n%s:<s>\n", Ifilename, line );

    Inhibit = oinhibit ;
    INLINES = oinlines ;
    Ifilename = oiname ;
    Ifile = oifile ;
    Ismacro = oismacro ;
    Macv = omacv ;

    if( ISCMD( *line ) )
        command( line );
    else
        text( line );
}
else
{
    while( getline(line, 0, Ismacro ? mgetc : fgetc) )
    {
        if( Verbose )
            printf( "\n%s:<s>\n", Ifilename, line );

        if( *line == FF )
            command( ".bp" );

        else if( ! ISCMD(*line) )
            text( line );
        else if( command(line) )
            break;

        if( Abort_process )
        {
            Abort_process = 0;
            if( command(".") )
                break;
        }
    }
    Inhibit = oinhibit ;
    INLINES = oinlines ;
    Ifilename = oiname ;
    Ifile = oifile ;
    Ismacro = oismacro ;
    Macv = omacv ;
}

#endif DEBUG
printf("%s: processing done (returning to %s, line %d)\n",
      nfilename, Ifilename, INLINES);
#endif

return 0;
}

```

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Written January, 1984 by John M. Gamble
Updated for UNIX April, 1986

usage:

paste [-paste] [-b <string>] [-<n>] [file1] [file2]

options:

-p <file1> does not exist (<string> is prepended to each line.)
-a <file2> does not exist (<string> is appended to each line.)
-s Do not print <string> with lines from only one file.
-t An option to resolve the ambiguous command "paste <file>". The -t flag forces <file> to trail standard input. I.e.,
    "paste <file>" is equivalent to "paste <file> <stdin>".
    "paste -t <file>" is equivalent to "paste <stdin> <file>".
-e Do not print <string> if both input lines are empty (i.e., that consist of no characters but '\n').
-b <string> A string of characters to be inserted between the lines of <file1> and <file2>. The string may contain all the standard escape codes with the exception of '\0'. The string may also indicate blanks with the escape sequence '\s'.
-<n> Print <n> lines of <file1> before appending lines of <file2>. If <n> is negative (e.g., "paste --3") then <n> lines of <file2> will be printed first.

#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>

/* On systems such as UNIX, if a string with blanks in it is surrounded by quote marks, it is considered to be one string.
   On other systems, the blank ends the string and the quote marks are passed along with the other characters. So, while on UNIX, the command
       'paste -b "'; do " list1 list2'
would set
    argv[2] to"; do ",
    argv[3] to list1,
    argv[3] to list2.

   a system like MSDOS would set
    argv[2] to"",
    argv[3] to"do",
    argv[4] to"",
    argv[5] to list1,
    argv[6] to list2.

   This is easily taken care of, but it does mean that conditional compilation is required by setting the switch below to either zero or one, depending on your particular operating system.
*/
#define BLANK_ENDS_STR 0

#define STRINGLEN 128
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0

#define isoctal(x) ((x) >= '0' && (x) < '8')

typedef unsigned int Boolean;

char bstring[STRINGLEN] = {'\0'};

char *nullstr = "";
char *strf = "$";
char *program_name = "paste";
char *error_msg[] = {

/*0*/
/*1*/
/*2*/
/*3*/
/*4*/
/*5*/
/*6*/
/*7*/
/*8*/
/*9*/
/*10*/
/*11*/
};

"usage: $s [-paste] [-b \"string\"] [-<n>] [file1] [file2] $s\n",
"$s: unknown flag $s\n",
"$s: at least one file must exist $s\n",
"$s: -t flag is only valid with one file on the command line $s\n",
"$s: both files can't be standard input $s\n",
"$s: contradictory options $s\n",
"$s: can't open $s\n",
"$s: -a or -p flags are invalid with two files $s\n",
"$s: too many files $s\n",
"$s: string argument lacks closing ' or \\$s\n",
"$s: null character in string argument $s\n",
"$s: string argument too long $s\n"
};

main(argc, argv)
int argc;
char argv;
{
```

```

FILE          *fp1, *fp2, *fopen();
Booleanprepend = FALSE, append = FALSE, trailing = FALSE;
Booleanprintempty = TRUE, printsingle = TRUE;
int           slip = 0;
char          *subarg;

if (argc == 1)
    exit_error(0, nullstr);

/* Get the flags.
 */
while (--argc > 0 && **++argv == '-')
{
    switch ((*argv + 1))
    {
        case '\0':
            /* Because default: won't catch this.*/
            exit_error(1, *argv);
            break;

        case 'b':
            if (argc == 1)
                exit_error(0, nullstr);

            argc--;
            argv++;

        #if BLANK_ENDS_STR
            strget(&argc, &argv, bstring);
        #else
            strload(*argv, bstring);
        #endif
            break;

        case '-':
        case '0':
        case '1':
        case '2':
        case '3':
        case '4':
        case '5':
        case '6':
        case '7':
        case '8':
        case '9':
            slip = atoi(*argv + 1);
            break;

        default:
            subarg = *argv;
            while (++subarg)
            {
                switch (*subarg)
                {
                    case 'a':
                        append = TRUE;
                        break;

                    case 'e':
                        printempty = FALSE;
                        break;

                    case 'p':
                        prepend = TRUE;
                        break;

                    case 's':
                        printsingle = FALSE;
                        break;

                    case 't':
                        trailing = TRUE;
                        break;

                    default:
                        exit_error(1, *argv);
                        break;
                }
            }
            break;
        }
    }

if (prepend && append) /* Contradictory options.*/
    exit_error(2, nullstr);

switch (argc) /* The number of file names on the command line.*/
{
    case 0:
        if (trailing)
            exit_error(3, nullstr);

        if (!(prepend || append)) /* Both files can't be stdin.*/
            exit_error(4, nullstr);

        if (append)
            attachf(stdin, NULL, slip, printsingle, printempty);
        else
            attachf(NULL, stdin, slip, printsingle, printempty);
        break;

    case 1:
        /* Contradictory options?
        */
        if (trailing && (prepend || append))
            exit_error(5, nullstr);

        if ((fp1 = fopen(*argv, "r")) == NULL)
            exit_error(6, *argv);
}

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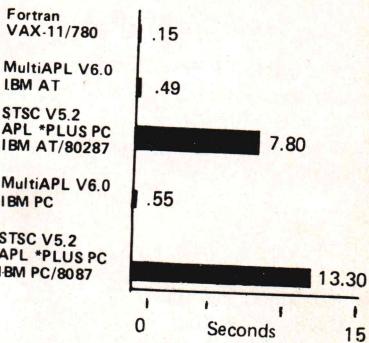
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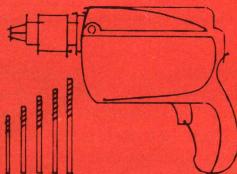
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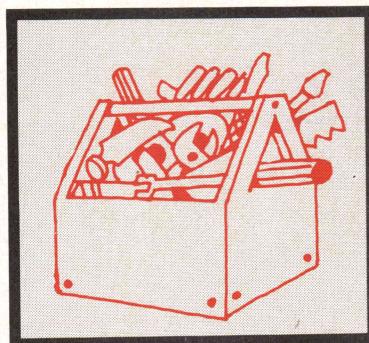
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if (append)
    attachf(fpl, NULL, slip, printsingle, printempty);

else if (prepend)
    attachf(NULL, fpl, slip, printsingle, printempty);

else if (trailing)
    attachf(stdin, fpl, slip, printsingle, printempty);

else
    attachf(fpl, stdin, slip, printsingle, printempty);

fclose(fpl);
break;

case 2:
if (trailing)
    exit_error(3, nullstr);

if (prepend || append)
    exit_error(7, nullstr);

if ((fpl = fopen(*argv, "r")) == NULL)
    exit_error(6, *argv);

if ((fp2 = fopen(*++argv, "r")) == NULL)
    exit_error(6, *argv);

attachf(fpl, fp2, slip, printsingle, printempty);
fclose(fpl);
fclose(fp2);
break;

default:
    exit_error(8, nullstr);
    break;
}

exit(0);
/* End of main. */

#endif

/* If BLANK_ENDS_STR
 * strget -- retrieve the <string> argument from the command line.
 * If the string contains blanks, C assumes this is the end of the
 * string, and places a \0 at its end. Since WE know that it's
 * just a blank, we put one in, update the position of argv, and
 * decrement argc. Escape sequences are treated just as defined
 * in C (except '\0, which is an error). One extra escape sequence
 * ('\s') exists to handle multiple blanks on a line, for even if
 * the string is enclosed in quotes the extra blanks will not be
 * passed from the command line.
 */
strget(pargc, argv, bstr)
int      *pargc;
char    ***argv;
char    *bstr;
{
    register int      j;
    char      *subarg;
    Boolean st_quote = FALSE;
    Boolean st_apost = FALSE;
    Boolean subarg = **pargv;

    subarg = **pargv;
    /* If the string is begun with a quote or an apostrophe, remember
     * so that we know when to end the string.
     */
    if ((st_quote = (*subarg == '\"')) || (st_apost = (*subarg == '\''))))
        subarg++;

    for (j = 0; j < STRINGLEN; bstr++, subarg++, j++)
    {
        /* A '\"' or '\'' encountered could mean the end of a string -
         * check against st_quote or st_apost.
         */
        if ((st_quote && *subarg == '\"') || (st_apost && *subarg == '\''))
            break;
        /* Blank encountered in string.*/
        else if (*subarg == '\0')
        {
            /* If we began with a quote, we are not finished.
             */
            if (st_quote || st_apost)
            {
                /* If nothing is left on the command line,
                 * a quote mark is missing.
                 */
                if (--(*pargc) == 0)
                    exit_error(9, nullstr);

                /* Put the blank in, and point subarg
                 * to the next argv string.
                 */
                *bstr = ' ';
                subarg = *++(*pargv) - 1;
            }
            /* Otherwise we didn't start with a quote mark - end.
             */
            else
                break;
        }
        else if (*subarg == '\\')
            switch(*++subarg)
            /* Escape sequences.*/
    }
}

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    /* Nothing after the '\' - let the 'blank'
     * section handle it.
     */
    case '\0':
        bstr--;
        subarg--;
        j--;
        break;

    case '':
        *bstr = "";
        break;

    case '0':
    case '1':
    case '2':
    case '3':
    case '4':
    case '5':
    case '6':
    case '7':
        *bstr = (char) bit_pattern(&subarg);
        break;

    case '\\':
        *bstr = '\\';
        break;

    case 'b':
        *bstr = '\b';
        break;

    case 'f':
        *bstr = '\f';
        break;

    case 'n':
        *bstr = '\n';
        break;

    case 'r':
        *bstr = '\r';
        break;

    case 't':
        *bstr = '\t';
        break;

    case 's':
        *bstr = ' ';
        break;

    default:
        *bstr = *subarg;
        break;
    }

    else
        *bstr = *subarg; /* No special character handling.*/
    }

    if (j == STRINGLEN)
        exit_error(1, nullstr);

    *bstr = '\0';
} /* End of strget.*/

-----*
* strload -- retrieve the <string> argument from the command line. *
*   Escape sequences are treated just as defined in C (except '\0', *
*   which is an error). One extra escape sequence ('\s') exists in *
*   order to handle multiple blanks on a line without bothering to *
*   enclose the string in quotes. *
*-----*
strload(subarg, bstr)
char          *subarg;
char          *bstr;
{
    extern char      *nullstr;
    register int     j;

    for (j = 0; *subarg && j < STRINGLEN; bstr++, subarg++, j++)
        if (*subarg == '\\') /* Escape sequences.*/
        {
            switch(*++subarg)
            {
                case '0':
                case '1':
                case '2':
                case '3':
                case '4':
                case '5':
                case '6':
                case '7':
                    *bstr = (char) bit_pattern(&subarg);
                    break;

                case '\\':
                    *bstr = '\\';
                    break;
                case 'b':
                    *bstr = '\b';
                    break;
            }
        }
}

```

```

        case 'f':
            *bstr = '\f';
            break;

        case 'n':
            *bstr = '\n';
            break;

        case 'r':
            *bstr = '\r';
            break;

        case 't':
            *bstr = '\t';
            break;

        case 's':
            *bstr = ' ';
            break;

        default:
            *bstr = *subarg;
            break;
    }

    else
        *bstr = *subarg; /* No special character handling.*/

    if (j == STRINGLEN)
        exit_error(11, nullstr);

    *bstr = '\0';
}/* End of strload.*/
#endif

/*
 * bit_pattern -- Change the \ddd format to a character symbol. It will
 * check to see if there are (at most two) other octal digits
 * present. It does not allow the return of the null character.
 * The pointer \ddd is only incremented by one for each extra
 * digit, because the pointer will be incremented again upon
 * returning from the function.
 */
bit_pattern(ddd)
char          **ddd;
{
    extern char      *nullstr;
    int             num;

    num = **ddd - '0'; /* Num is octal, otherwise we wouldn't be here.*/

    if (isoctal(*(*ddd + 1))) /* Is the next character an octal digit?*/
    {
        num = 8 * num + *++*ddd - '0';

        if (isoctal(*(*ddd + 1)))
            num = 8 * num + *++*ddd - '0';
    }

    if (!num)
        exit_error(10, nullstr); /* No \0 allowed.*/

    return(num);
}/* End of bit_pattern.*/

/*
 * attachf -- Take the lines of <file2>, if any, and attach them
 * to the lines of <file1>, if any. Slip determines how many
 * lines of <file1> (<file2> if negative) are printed before
 * printing the lines from both files together. It is possible to
 * specify some slippage even if the -a or -p flags are present.
 * This is not an error. Attachf is smart enough to skip slip
 * in that case.
 */
attachf(fp1, fp2, slip, printsingle, printempty)
FILE          *fp1, *fp2;
int            slip;
Boolean        printsingle, printempty;
{
    Boolean notempty;
    register int    nxtc;

    /* Handle slippage, if any, up to the end of the file.
     */
    for (; slip > 0 && fp1 != NULL; slip--)
    {
        notempty = (nxtc = nextc(fp1)) != '\n';

        if (nxtc == EOF)
        {
            fp1 = NULL;
            break;
        }

        put_line(fp1);

        if (printsingle && (printempty || notempty))
            printf(strf, bstring);

        putchar('\n');
    }

    if (slip < 0)
        slip = -slip;

    for (; slip > 0 && fp2 != NULL; slip--)

```

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Listing One (Listing continued, text begins on page 110.)

```

        if ((nxtc = nextc(fp2)) == EOF)
        {
            fp2 = NULL;
            break;
        }

        if (printsingle && (printempty || nxtc != '\n'))
            printf(strf, bstring);

        put_line(fp2);
        putchar('\n');
    }

    /* Paste the lines of each file together.
     */
    while (fp1 != NULL && fp2 != NULL)
    {
        notempty = (nxtc = nextc(fp1)) != '\n';

        if (nxtc == EOF)
        {
            fp1 = NULL;
            break;
        }

        put_line(fp1);

        if (printempty || notempty || nextc(fp2) != '\n')
            printf(strf, bstring);

        put_line(fp2);

        if (nextc(fp2) == EOF)
        {
            fp2 = NULL;
        }

        putchar('\n');
    }

    while (fp1 != NULL)
    {
        notempty = (nxtc = nextc(fp1)) != '\n';
        put_line(fp1);

        if (nextc(fp1) == EOF)
            fp1 = NULL;

        if (printsingle && (printempty || notempty))
            printf(strf, bstring);

        putchar('\n');
    }

    while (fp2 != NULL)
    {
        if (printsingle && (printempty || nextc(fp2) != '\n'))
            printf(strf, bstring);

        put_line(fp2);

        if (nextc(fp2) == EOF)
            fp2 = NULL;

        putchar('\n');
    }

    /* End of attachf. */

    /*-----*
     * put_line -- Get a line, print a line. *
     *-----*/
    put_line(fp)
FILE           *fp;
{
    register int      c;

    while((c = getc(fp)) != '\n' && c != EOF)
        putchar(c);
}

    /* End of put_line. */

    /*-----*
     * nextc -- What is the next character? I realize that there are
     * some routines in some stdio.h files that do this for you, but
     * this is not true of all of them. Hence this function. *
     *-----*/
nextc(fp)
FILE           *fp;
{
    register int      c;

    c = getc(fp);
    ungetc(c, fp);

    return(c);
}

    /* End of nextc. */

    /*-----*
     * exit_error -- Print out the appropriate error message for the
     * appropriate error, then exit.
     *-----*/
exit_error(errcode, details)
int           errcode;
char          *details;
{
    extern char      *error_msg[];

    fprintf(stderr, error_msg[errcode], program_name, details);
    exit(1);
}

    /* End of exit_error. */

```

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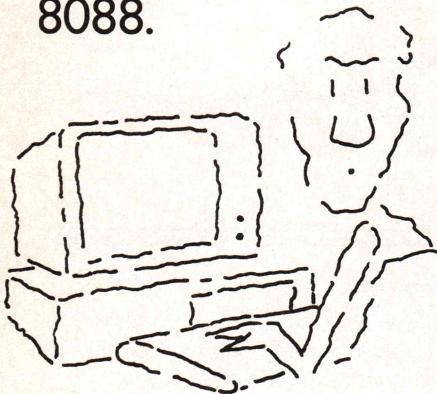
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Listing One (Text begins on page 120.)

Listing 1. CHANGE.BAS Utility to search/replace text in a number of files.

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1005 ' IBM PC                                BASICA version 2 or later
1010 ' Copyright (c) 1987 Namir Clement Shammas
1020 DEFINT A-Z
1030 DIM FILENAMES(20),STRNGS(30),REPLACE(30),REPLACES(30),L$(500)
1040 TRUE = 1
1050 FALSE = 0
1060 MAX_LINES = 500 ' Current maximum number of lines read from a file
1070 CLS
1080 TS = "BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM" : GOSUB 8000
1090 PRINT
1100 TS = "VERSION 1.0" : GOSUB 8000
1110 PRINT : PRINT
1120 GOSUB 5000 ' Get filenames
1130 GOSUB 6000 ' Get strings
1140 FOR IFILE = 1 TO NUM_FILES
1150     GOSUB 7000 ' Read text lines from file
1160     FOR I = 1 TO NUM_STRINGS
1170         FOUND = FALSE
1180         FOR J = 1 TO NUM_LINES
1190             PTR = INSTR(L$(J),STRNGS(I))
1200             WHILE PTR > 0
1210                 IF (FOUND = TRUE) THEN 2150
1220                 FOUND = TRUE
1230                 LPRINT "KEYWORD : ";STRNGS(I)
1240                 BS = STRS(J) + ":"
1250                 OFFSET = LEN(BS)
1260                 LPRINT J; ":"; LS(J)
1270                 LPRINT SPC(PTR-OFFSET); "^^"
1280                 IF (REPLACE(I) = FALSE) THEN 2240
1290                 FIRST$ = ""
1300                 IF PTR > 1 THEN FIRST$ = MIDS(L$(J), 1, (PTR-1))
1310                 LAST$ = ""
1320                 IF (PTR+LEN(STRNGS(I))) => LEN(L$(J)) THEN 2230
1330                 LAST$ = MIDS(L$(J), (PTR+LEN(STRNGS(I))), 1)
1340                 LS(J) = FIRST$ + REPLACE(I) + LAST$
1350                 LPRINT "BECOMES" : LPRINT
1360                 LPRINT J; ":"; LS(J) : LPRINT : LPRINT
1370                 PTR = INSTR(PTR+1, LS(J), STRNGS(I))
1380             WEND
1390         NEXT J
1400     NEXT I
1410     GOSUB 9000 ' Write file back
1420     LPRINT : LPRINT
1430 NEXT IFILE
1440 LPRINT CHR$(140) ' FORM FEED
1450 END '
5000 ' Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard
5010 NUM_FILES = 0
5020 WHILE NUM_FILES <= 0
5030     INPUT "Enter number of files "; NUM_FILES
5040     PRINT
5050 WEND
5060 FOR I = 1 TO NUM_FILES
5070     PRINT "Enter filename # "; I; " ";
5080     INPUT FILENAMES(I) : PRINT
5090     IF FILENAMES(I) = "" THEN 5070
5100 NEXT I
5110 RETURN
6000 ' Subroutines to input search/replace strings
6010 NUM_STRINGS = 0
6020 WHILE NUM_STRINGS <= 0
6030     INPUT "Enter number of search/replace strings "; NUM_STRINGS
6040     PRINT
6050 WEND
6060 FOR I = 1 TO NUM_STRINGS
6070     REPLACE$(I) = ""
6080     PRINT : PRINT "For string # "; I
6090     INPUT "    Enter string "; STRNGS(I)
6100     INPUT "    R)eplace F)ind "; AS
6110     IF (INSTR("RF", MID$(AS, 1, 1)) = 0) THEN REPLACE(I) =
6120         FALSE ELSE REPLACE(I) = TRUE
6130     IF REPLACE(I) = FALSE THEN 6125
6140     INPUT "    Enter replacement string "; REPLACES(I)
6150 PRINT
6160 NEXT I
6170 RETURN
7000 ' Subroutines to read text lines
7003 LPRINT "PROCESSING FILE : "; FILENAMES(IFILE)
```

```

7006 OPEN "I",1,FILENAME$(IFILE)
7010 NUM_LINES = 0
7020 WHILE (NOT EOF(1)) AND (NUM_LINES <= MAX_LINES)
7030   NUM_LINES = NUM_LINES + 1
7040   LINE INPUT#1,L$(NUM_LINES)
7050 WEND
7060 CLOSE #1
7070 RETURN
8000 ' Subroutine to center a message
8010 PRINT SPC(40 - LEN(T$)/2);T$
8020 RETURN
9000 'Subroutine to write the updated file
9010 OPEN "O",1,FILENAME$(IFILE)
9020 FOR I = 1 TO NUM_LINES
9030   PRINT#1,L$(I)
9040 NEXT I
9050 CLOSE#1
9060 RETURN

```

End Listing One

Listing Two

Listing 2. CHNG1.TRU the version of True BASIC CHANGE.BAS produced by the BASIC-Converter.

```

10 ! This program converted from the Microsoft Advanced Basic
11 ! language on the IBM PC to the True BASIC language.
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20 ! of the original BasicA program. This conversion is provided
21 ! only as an aid to a complete conversion by the owner of the
22 ! program being converted.
23 !
24 LIBRARY "deflib"
25 DECLARE DEF csrlin, oef, fre, hex$, inkey$, loc, lof
26 DECLARE DEF mki$, mks$, cvi, cvs, oct$, csr_pos, val_a, err, erl
27
28 DEF Eof (f)
29   IF end #f then LET eof = -1 else LET eof = 0
30 END DEF
31
32 DEF Loc (f)
33   ASK #f: record T_ARG1
34   LET t_arg1 = -int(-(t_arg1-1)/128)
35   IF t_arg1 = 0 then let loc = 1 else let loc = t_arg1
36 END DEF
37
38 DEF Lof (f)
39   ASK #f: filesize T_ARG1
40   LET lof = t_arg1
41 END DEF
42
43 OPTION BASE 0
44
1000 ! Batch Find/Replace Utility Version 1.0 10/29/86
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1020 !  defint A-Z
1030 dim filename$(20), strng$(30), replace$(30), replace$(30), 1$(500)
1040 let true = 1
1050 let false = 0
1060 let max_lines = 500 ! Current maximum number of lines read from a file
1900 clear
1910 let t$ = "BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM"
1911 gosub 8000
1920 print
1930 let t$ = "VERSION 1.0"
1931 gosub 8000
1940 print
1941 print
1945 OPEN #9 : PRINTER
2000 gosub 5000 ! Get filenames
2010 gosub 6000 ! Get strings
2030 for ifile = 1 to num_files
2060 gosub 7000 ! Read text lines from file
2070 for i = 1 to num_strings

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Listing Two (*Listing continued, text begins on page 120.*)

```

2080 let found = false
2090 for j = 1 to num_lines
2100 let ptr = pos(l$(j),strng$(i))
2110 do while ptr > 0
2120 if (found = true) then goto 2150
2130 let found = true
2140 print #9 : "KEYWORD : ";STRNG$(I)
2150 let b$ = strg$(j) & ","
2153 let offset = round(len(b$))
2155 print #9 : J; ":";LS(J)
2160 print #9 : REPEAT$(" ",(PTR+OFFSET+1));"!" ! Manual fix on this line
2170 if (replace(i) = false) then goto 2240
2180 let first$ = ""
2190 if ptr > 1 then let first$ = (l$(j))[1:1+(ptr-1)-1]
2200 let last$ = ""
2210 if (ptr+len(strng$(i))) => len(l$(j)) then goto 2230
2220 let last$ = (l$(j))[(ptr+len(strng$(i))):maxnum]
2230 let l$(j) = first$ & replace$(i) & last$
2231 print #9 : "BECOMES"
2232 print #9 :
2233 print #9 : J; ":";LS(J)
2234 print #9 :
2235 print #9 :
2240 let ptr = pos(l$(j),strng$(i),ptr+1)
2250 loop
2260 next j
2270 next i
2275 gosub 9000 ! Write file back
2277 print #9 :
2278 print #9 :
2280 next ifile
2290 print #9 : CHR$(140) ! FORM FEED
3000 stop !-----
```

5000 ! Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard

```

5010 let num_files = 0
5020 do while num_files <= 0
5030 input prompt "Enter number of files": num_files
5040 print
5050 loop
5060 for i = 1 to num_files
5070 print "Enter filename #": i; " ";
5080 input filename$(i)
5081 print
5090 if filename$(i) = "" then goto 5070
5100 next i
5110 return
6000 ! Subroutines to input search/replace strings
6010 let num_strings = 0
6020 do while num_strings <= 0
6030 input prompt "Enter number of search/replace strings": num_strings
6040 print
6050 loop
6060 for i = 1 to num_strings
6065 let replace$(i) = ""
6070 print
6071 print "For string #": i
6080 input prompt "Enter string": strng$(i)
6090 input prompt "Replace Find": a$
6100 if (pos("Rr", (a$)[1:1])) = 0 then let replace(i) =
    false else let replace(i) = true
6110 if replace(i) = false then goto 6125
6120 input prompt "Enter replacement string": replace$(i)
6125 print
6130 next i
6140 return
7000 ! Subroutines to read text lines
7003 print #9 : "PROCESSING FILE : ";FILENAME$(IFILE)
7006 open #1: name filename$(ifile), access input, create old
7010 let num_lines = 0
7020 do while ((not eof(1) <> 0)) and (num_lines <= max_lines)
7030 let num_lines = num_lines+1
7040 line input #1:1$(num_lines) ! Manual fix here
7050 loop
7060 close #1
7070 return
8000 ! Subroutine to center a message
8010 print tab(csr_pos+40-len(t$)/2): t$
8020 return
9000 ! Subroutine to write the updated file
9010 open #1: name filename$(ifile), access output, create old
9015 erase #1 ! this line is added

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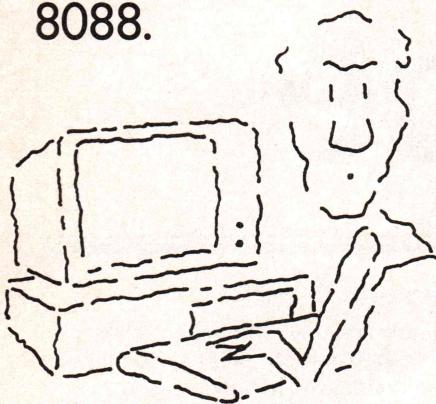
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Listing One (Text begins on page 120.)

Listing 1. CHANGE.BAS Utility to search/replace text in a number of files.

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1005 ' IBM PC                                BASICA version 2 or later
1010 ' Copyright (c) 1987 Namir Clement Shamma
1020 DEFINT A-Z
1030 DIM FILENAME$(20), STRNG$(30), REPLACE(30), REPLACES(30), LS$(500)
1040 TRUE = 1
1050 FALSE = 0
1060 MAX.LINES = 500 ' Current maximum number of lines read from a file
1090 CLS
1100 TS = "BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM" : GOSUB 8000
1120 PRINT
1130 TS = "VERSION 1.0" : GOSUB 8000
1140 PRINT : PRINT
1150 GOSUB 5000 ' Get filenames
1160 GOSUB 6000 ' Get strings
1170 FOR IFILE = 1 TO NUM.FILES
1180   GOSUB 7000 ' Read text lines from file
1190   FOR I = 1 TO NUM.STRINGS
1200     FOUND = FALSE
1210     FOR J = 1 TO NUM.LINES
1220       PTR = INSTR(LS$(J), STRNG$(I))
1230       WHILE PTR > 0
1240         IF (FOUND = TRUE) THEN 2150
1250         FOUND = TRUE
1260         LPRINT "KEYWORD : "; STRNG$(I)
1270         BS = STRS(J) + ":""
1280         OFFSET = LEN(BS)
1290         LPRINT J; ":"; LS$(J)
1300         LPRINT SPC(PTR+OFFSET); "^^"
1310         IF (REPLACE(I) = FALSE) THEN 2240
1320         FIRST$ = ""
1330         IF PTR > 1 THEN FIRST$ = MIDS(LS$(J), 1, (PTR-1))
1340         LAST$ = ""
1350         IF (PTR+LEN(STRNG$(I)) => LEN(LS$(J))) THEN 2230
1360           LAST$ = MIDS(LS$(J), (PTR+LEN(STRNG$(I))), 1)
1370           LS$(J) = FIRST$ + REPLACE$(I) + LAST$
1380           LPRINT "BECOMES" : LPRINT
1390           LPRINT J; ":"; LS$(J) : LPRINT : LPRINT
1400         PTR = INSTR(PTR+1, LS$(J), STRNG$(I))
1410     WEND
1420   NEXT J
1430   NEXT I
1440   GOSUB 9000 ' Write file back
1450   LPRINT : LPRINT
1460 NEXT IFILE
1470 LPRINT CHR$(140) ' FORM FEED
1480 END '
1490 ' Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard
1500 NUM.FILES = 0
1510 WHILE NUM.FILES <= 0
1520   INPUT "Enter number of files "; NUM.FILES
1530   PRINT
1540 WEND
1550 FOR I = 1 TO NUM.FILES
1560   PRINT "Enter filename # "; I; " ";
1570   INPUT FILENAME$(I) : PRINT
1580   IF FILENAME$(I) = "" THEN 1570
1590   NEXT I
1600 RETURN
1610 ' Subroutines to input search/replace strings
1620 NUM.STRINGS = 0
1630 WHILE NUM.STRINGS <= 0
1640   INPUT "Enter number of search/replace strings "; NUM.STRINGS
1650   PRINT
1660 FOR I = 1 TO NUM.STRINGS
1670   REPLACES(I) = ""
1680   PRINT : PRINT "For string # "; I
1690   INPUT "Enter string "; STRNG$(I)
1700   INPUT "Replace F)ind "; AS
1710   IF (INSTR("Rf", MID$(AS, 1, 1)) = 0) THEN REPLACE(I) =
1720   FALSE ELSE REPLACE(I) = TRUE
1730   IF REPLACE(I) = FALSE THEN 1725
1740   INPUT "Enter replacement string "; REPLACES(I)
1750 PRINT
1760 NEXT I
1770 RETURN
1780 ' Subroutines to read text lines
1790 LPRINT "PROCESSING FILE : "; FILENAME$(IFILE)
1800

```

```

7006 OPEN "I",1,FILENAMES(IFILE)
7010 NUM.LINES = 0
7020 WHILE (NOT EOF(1)) AND (NUM.LINES <= MAX.LINES)
7030   NUM.LINES = NUM.LINES + 1
7040   LINE INPUT#1,L$(NUM.LINES)
7050 WEND
7060 CLOSE #1
7070 RETURN
8000 ' Subroutine to center a message
8010 PRINT SPC(40 - LEN(T$)/2);T$
8020 RETURN
9000 'Subroutine to write the updated file
9010 OPEN "O",1,FILENAMES(IFILE)
9020 FOR I = 1 TO NUM.LINES
9030   PRINT#1,L$(I)
9040 NEXT I
9050 CLOSE#1
9060 RETURN

```

End Listing One

Listing Two

Listing 2. CHNG1.TRU the version of True BASIC CHANGE.BAS produced by the BASIC-Converter.

```

10 ! This program converted from the Microsoft Advanced Basic
11 ! language on the IBM PC to the True BASIC language.
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19 ! this converted program is a precise and accurate equivalent
20 ! of the original BasicA program. This conversion is provided
21 ! only as an aid to a complete conversion by the owner of the
22 ! program being converted.
23 !
24 LIBRARY "deflib"
25 DECLARE DEF csrlin, oef, fre, hex$, inkey$, loc, lof
26 DECLARE DEF mki$, mkss, cvi, cvs, oct$, csr_pos, val_a, err, erl
27
28 DEF Eof (f)
29   IF end #f then LET eof = -1 else LET eof = 0
30 END DEF
31
32 DEF Loc (f)
33   ASK #f: record T_ARG1
34   LET t_arg1 = -int(-(t_arg1-1)/128)
35   IF t_arg1 = 0 then let loc = 1 else let loc = t_arg1
36 END DEF
37
38 DEF Lof (f)
39   ASK #f: filesize T_ARG1
40   LET lof = t_arg1
41 END DEF
42
43 OPTION BASE 0
44
1000 ! Batch Find/Replace Utility Version 1.0 10/29/86
1005 ! IBM PC          BASICA version 2 or later
1010 ! Copyright (c) 1987 Namir Clement Shamma
1020 !  defint A-Z
1030 dim filenames(20), strng$(30), replace(30), replace$(30), l$(500)
1040 let true = 1
1050 let false = 0
1060 let max_lines = 500 ! Current maximum number of lines read from a file
1900 clear
1910 let t$ = "BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM"
1911 gosub 8000
1920 print
1930 let t$ = "VERSION 1.0"
1931 gosub 8000
1940 print
1941 print
1945 OPEN #9 : PRINTER
2000 gosub 5000 ! Get filenames
2010 gosub 6000 ! Get strings
2030 for ifile = 1 to num_files
2060 gosub 7000 ! Read text lines from file
2070 for i = 1 to num_strings

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Listing Two (Listing continued, text begins on page 120.)

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2080 let found = false
2090 for j = 1 to num_lines
2100 let ptr = pos(l$(j), strng$(i))
2110 do while ptr > 0
2120 if (found = true) then goto 2150
2130 let found = true
2140 print #9 : "KEYWORD : "; strng$(i)
2150 let b$ = str$(j) & ":"
2153 let offset = round(len(b$))
2155 print #9 : J;""; l$(j)
2160 print #9 : REPEAT$(" ", (PTR+OFFSET+1)); ^^! Manual fix on this line
2170 if (replace$(i) = false) then goto 2240
2180 let first$ = ""
2190 if ptr > 1 then let first$ = (l$(j))[1:1+(ptr-1)-1]
2200 let last$ = ""
2210 if (ptr+len(strng$(i))) => len(l$(j)) then goto 2230
2220 let last$ = (l$(j))[(ptr+len(strng$(i))):maxnum]
2230 let l$(j) = first$ & replace$(i) & last$
2231 print #9 : "BECOMES"
2232 print #9 :
2233 print #9 : J;""; l$(j)
2234 print #9 :
2235 print #9 :
2240 let ptr = pos(l$(j), strng$(i), ptr+1)
2250 loop
2260 next j
2270 next i
2275 gosub 9000 ! Write file back
2277 print #9 :
2278 print #9 :
2280 next ifile
2290 print #9 : CHR$(140) ! FORM FEED
3000 stop ! -----
5000 ! Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard
5010 let num_files = 0
5020 do while num_files <= 0
5030 input prompt "Enter number of files ": num_files
5040 print
5050 loop
5060 for i = 1 to num_files
5070 print "Enter filename # "; i; " ";
5080 input filename$(i)
5081 print
5090 if filename$(i) = "" then goto 5070
5100 next i
5110 return
6000 ! Subroutines to input search/replace strings
6010 let num_strings = 0
6020 do while num_strings <= 0
6030 input prompt "Enter number of search/replace strings ": num_strings
6040 print
6050 loop
6060 for i = 1 to num_strings
6065 let replace$(i) = ""
6070 print
6071 print "For string # "; i
6080 input prompt " Enter string ": strng$(i)
6090 input prompt " Replace F)ind ": a$
6100 if (pos("R", (a$)[1:1]) = 0) then let replace$(i) =
    false else let replace$(i) = true
6110 if replace$(i) = false then goto 6125
6120 input prompt " Enter replacement string ": replace$(i)
6125 print
6130 next i
6140 return
7000 ! Subroutines to read text lines
7003 print #9 : "PROCESSING FILE : "; filename$(ifile), access input, create old
7006 open #1: name filename$(ifile), access input, create old
7010 let num_lines = 0
7020 do while ((not eof(1) <> 0)) and (num_lines <= max_lines)
7030 let num_lines = num_lines+1
7040 line input #1:l$(num_lines) ! Manual fix here
7050 loop
7060 close #1
7070 return
8000 ! Subroutine to center a message
8010 print tab(csr_pos+40-len(t$)/2); t$
8020 return
9000 ! Subroutine to write the updated file
9010 open #1: name filename$(ifile), access output, create old
9015 erase #1 ! this line is added

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End Listing Two

Listing Three

Listing 3. CHNG2.TRU the True BASIC version of CHANGE.BAS that is translated manually.

```

! Batch Find/Replace Utility Version 1.0 10/29/86
! IBM PC True BASIC version 1
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DIM FILENAMES$(20),STRNGS$(30),REPLACE$(30),REPLACES$(30),LS$(500)
LET TRUE = 1
LET FALSE = 0
LET MAX_LINES = 500 ! Current maximum number of lines read from a file
CLEAR ! Clear screen
CALL CenterText("BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM")
PRINT
CALL CenterText("VERSION 1.0")
PRINT
PRINT
OPEN #9 : PRINTER
CALL GetFile(FILENAMES$, NUM_FILES) ! Get filenames
CALL GetStrings(STRNGS$, REPLACES$, REPLACE, NUM_STRINGS) ! Get strings
FOR IFILE = 1 TO NUM_FILES
  CALL ReadLines(LS$,FILENAMES$,IFILE, NUM_LINES) ! Read text lines from file
  FOR I = 1 TO NUM_STRINGS
    LET FOUND = FALSE
    FOR J = 1 TO NUM_LINES
      LET PTR = POS(LS$(J),STRNGS$(I)) ! Use & to concatenate strings
      DO WHILE PTR > 0
        IF (FOUND = FALSE) THEN
          LET FOUND = TRUE
          PRINT #9 : "KEYWORD : ";STRNGS$(I)
        END IF
        LET BS = STR$(J) & ":" ! Use & to concatenate strings
        LET OFFSET = LEN(B$)
        PRINT #9 : J; ":"; LS$(J)
        PRINT #9 : REPEAT$( " ",(PTR+OFFSET+1));"^^"
        IF (REPLACE$(I) = TRUE) THEN
          LET FIRST$ = ""
          IF PTR > 1 THEN LET FIRST$ = LS$(J)[1:(PTR-1)]
          LET LAST$ = ""
          IF (PTR+LEN(STRNGS$(I))) < LEN(LS$(J)) THEN
            LET LAST$ = LS$(J)[(PTR+LEN(STRNGS$(I))):LEN(LS$(J))]
          END IF
          LET LS$(J) = FIRST$ & REPLACES$(I) & LAST$
          PRINT #9 : "BECOMES"
          PRINT #9 :
          PRINT #9 : J; ":"; LS$(J)
          PRINT #9 :
          PRINT #9 :
        END IF
        LET PTR = POS(LS$(J),STRNGS$(I),(PTR+1))
      LOOP
    NEXT J
  CALL WriteLines(LS$,FILENAMES$,REPLACE,IFILE,NUM_LINES)
  ! Write file back
  PRINT #9 :
  PRINT #9 :
NEXT IFILE
PRINT #9 : CHR$(140) ! FORM FEED

SUB GetFile(FILENAMES$( ), NUM_FILES)
! Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard
LET NUM_FILES = 0
DO WHILE NUM_FILES <= 0
  INPUT PROMPT "Enter number of files ":"NUM_FILES
  PRINT
LOOP
FOR I = 1 TO NUM_FILES
  LET FILENAMES$(I) = ""
  DO WHILE FILENAMES$(I) = ""
    PRINT "Enter filename # ";I;" ";
    INPUT FILENAMES$(I)
  LOOP

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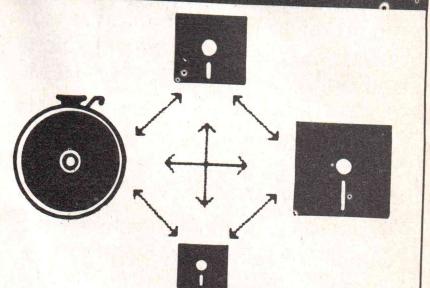
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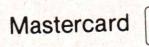
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Listing Three (Listing continued, text begins on page 120.)

```

PRINT
LOOP
NEXT I
END SUB

SUB GetStrings (STRNGS(), REPLACE$, REPLACE(), NUM_STRINGS)
! Subroutines to input search/replace strings
LET NUM_STRINGS = 0
DO WHILE NUM_STRINGS <= 0
    INPUT PROMPT "Enter number of search/replace strings ":NUM_STRINGS
    PRINT
    LOOP
    FOR I = 1 TO NUM_STRINGS
        LET REPLACE$(I) = ""
        PRINT
        PRINT "For string # ";I
        INPUT PROMPT " Enter string ":STRNGS(I)
        INPUT PROMPT " Replace F)ind ":AS
        IF (POS("Rr",AS[1:1]) = 0) THEN
            LET REPLACE(I) = FALSE
        ELSE
            LET REPLACE(I) = TRUE
            INPUT PROMPT " Enter replacement string ":REPLACE$(I)
        END IF
        PRINT
    NEXT I
    END SUB

SUB ReadLines (L$, FILENAMES(), INDEX, NUM_LINES)
! Subroutines to read text lines
PRINT #9 : "PROCESSING FILE : ";FILENAMES(INDEX)
OPEN #1 : NAME FILENAMES(INDEX), ORGANIZATION TEXT, ACCESS INPUT, CREATE OLD
LET NUM_LINES = 0
DO WHILE MORE #1
    LET NUM_LINES = NUM_LINES + 1
    LINE INPUT#1 : LS(NUM_LINES)
LOOP
CLOSE #1
END SUB

SUB CenterText (TS)
! Subroutine to center a message
PRINT REPEATS(" ",(40 - LEN(T$)/2));T$ 
END SUB

SUB WriteLines (L$, FILENAMES(), INDEX, NUM_LINES)
! Subroutine to write the updated file
OPEN #1 : NAME FILENAMES(INDEX), ORGANIZATION TEXT, ACCESS OUTPUT, CREATE OLD
ERASE #1
FOR I = 1 TO NUM_LINES
    PRINT#1 : LS(I)
NEXT I
CLOSE#1
END SUB

END

```

End Listing Three

Listing Four

Listing 4. CHNG1.BAS the first QuickBASIC version of CHANGE.BAS that is translated manually.

```

' Batch Find/Replace Utility Version 1.0 10/29/86
' IBM PC QuickBASIC version 2
' Copyright (c) 1987 Namir Clement Shammas
DEFINT A-Z
DIM FILENAMES(20), STRNGS(30), REPLACE(30), REPLACES(30), LS(500)
TRUE = 1
FALSE = 0
MAX_LINES = 500 ' Current maximum number of lines read from a file
CLS
TS = "BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM" : GOSUB Center
PRINT
TS = "VERSION 1.0" : GOSUB Center
PRINT : PRINT
GOSUB GetFile ' Get filenames
GOSUB GetStrings ' Get strings
FOR IFILE = 1 TO NUM_FILES

```

```

GOSUB ReadLines ' Read text lines from file
FOR I = 1 TO NUM.STRINGS
  FOUND = FALSE
  FOR J = 1 TO NUM.LINES
    PTR = INSTR(LS(J),STRNGS(I))
    WHILE PTR > 0
      IF (FOUND = FALSE) THEN
        FOUND = TRUE
        LPRINT "KEYWORD : ";STRNGS(I)
      END IF
      BS = STRS(J) + ":"
      OFFSET = LEN(BS)
      LPRINT J; ":"; LS(J)
      LPRINT SPC(PTR+OFFSET);":"
      IF (REPLACE(I) = TRUE) THEN
        FIRST$ = ""
        IF PTR > 1 THEN FIRST$ = MID$(LS(J),1,(PTR-1))
        LAST$ = ""
        IF (PTR+LEN(STRNGS(I))) < LEN(LS(J)) THEN
          LAST$ = MID$(LS(J),(PTR+LEN(STRNGS(I))))+1
        END IF
        LS(J) = FIRST$ + REPLACE(I) + LASTS
        LPRINT "BECOMES" : LPRINT
        LPRINT J; ":"; LS(J) : LPRINT : LPRINT
      END IF
      PTR = INSTR(PTR+1,LS(J),STRNGS(I))
    WEND
  NEXT I
  GOSUB WriteLines ' Write file back
  LPRINT : LPRINT
NEXT IFILE
LPRINT CHR$(140) ' FORM FEED
END '-----
```

```

GetFile: ' Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard
NUM.FILES = 0
WHILE NUM.FILES <= 0
  INPUT "Enter number of files ";NUM.FILES
  PRINT
WEND
FOR I = 1 TO NUM.FILES
  FILENAMES(I) = ""
  WHILE FILENAMES(I) = ""
    PRINT "Enter filename # ";I; " ";
    INPUT FILENAMES(I) : PRINT
  WEND
NEXT I
RETURN
```

```

GetStrings: ' Subroutines to input search/replace strings
NUM.STRINGS = 0
WHILE NUM.STRINGS <= 0
  INPUT "Enter number of search/replace strings ";NUM.STRINGS
  PRINT
WEND
FOR I = 1 TO NUM.STRINGS
  REPLACES(I) = ""
  PRINT : PRINT "For string # ";I
  INPUT " Enter string ";STRNGS(I)
  INPUT " Replace FInd ";AS
  IF (INSTR("Rr",MIDS(AS,1,1)) = 0) THEN REPLACE(I) = FALSE
  ELSE REPLACE(I) = TRUE
  IF REPLACE(I) = TRUE THEN
    INPUT " Enter replacement string ";REPLACES(I)
  END IF
  PRINT
NEXT I
RETURN
```

```

ReadLines: ' Subroutines to read text lines
LPRINT "PROCESSING FILE : ";FILENAME$(IFILE)
OPEN "I",1,FILENAME$(IFILE)
NUM.LINES = 0
WHILE (NOT EOF(1)) AND (NUM.LINES <= MAX.LINES)
  NUM.LINES = NUM.LINES + 1
  LINE INPUT#1,LS(NUM.LINES)
WEND
CLOSE #1
RETURN
```

```

Center: ' Subroutine to center a message
PRINT SPC(40 - LEN(T$)/2);T$
RETURN
```

```

WriteLines: ' Subroutine to write the updated file
OPEN "O",1,FILENAME$(IFILE)
```

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Listing Four (Listing continued, text begins on page 120.)

```
FOR I = 1 TO NUM.LINES
  PRINT#1, LS(I)
NEXT I
CLOSE#1
RETURN
```

End Listing Four

Listing Five

Listing 5. CHNG2.BAS the second QuickBASIC version of CHANGE.BAS that is translated manually.

```
' Batch Find/Replace Utility Version 1.0 10/29/86
' IBM PC           QuickBASIC version 2
' Copyright (c) 1987 Namir Clement Shammas
DEFINT A-Z
DIM FILENAMES(20), STRNGS(30), REPLACE(30), REPLACE$(30), LS(500)
TRUE = 1
FALSE = 0
MAX_LINES = 500 ' Current maximum number of lines read from a file
CLS
CALL CenterText("BATCH FILE FIND/REPLACE PROGRAM")
PRINT
CALL CenterText("VERSION 1.0")
PRINT : PRINT
CALL GetFile(FILENAMES(), NUM.FILES) ' Get filenames
CALL GetStrings(STRNGS(), REPLACE(), REPLACE$, NUM.STRINGS) ' Get strings
FOR IFILE = 1 TO NUM.FILES
  ' Read text lines from file
  CALL ReadLines(LS(), FILENAMES(), IFILE, NUM_LINES)
  FOR I = 1 TO NUM.STRINGS
    FOUND = FALSE
    FOR J = 1 TO NUM_LINES
      PTR = INSTR(LS(J), STRNGS(I))
      WHILE PTR > 0
        IF (FOUND = FALSE) THEN
          FOUND = TRUE
          LPRINT "KEYWORD : "; STRNGS(I)
        END IF
        BS = STR$(J) + ":"_
        OFFSET = LEN(BS)
        LPRINT J; ":"; LS(J)
        LPRINT SPC(PTR+OFFSET); "^^"
        IF (REPLACE(I) = TRUE) THEN
          FIRST$ = ""
          IF PTR > 1 THEN FIRST$ = MIDS(LS(J), 1, (PTR-1))
          LAST$ = ""
          IF (PTR+LEN(STRNGS(I))) < LEN(LS(J)) THEN
            LAST$ = MIDS(LS(J), (PTR+LEN(STRNGS(I))))
          END IF
          LS(J) = FIRST$ + REPLACE(I) + LAST$
          LPRINT "BECOMES" : LPRINT
          LPRINT J; ":"; LS(J) : LPRINT : LPRINT
        END IF
        PTR = INSTR(PTR+1, LS(J), STRNGS(I))
      WEND
      NEXT J
    NEXT I
    ' Write file back
    CALL WriteLines(LS(), FILENAMES(), REPLACE(), IFILE, NUM_LINES)
    LPRINT : LPRINT
  NEXT IFILE
  LPRINT CHR$(140) ' FORM FEED
END '-----
```



```
SUB GetFile(FILENAMES(1), NUM.FILES) STATIC
  ' Subroutine to input filenames from the keyboard
  NUM_FILES = 0
  WHILE NUM_FILES <= 0
    INPUT "Enter number of files "; NUM_FILES
    PRINT
  WEND
  FOR I = 1 TO NUM_FILES
    FILENAMES(I) = ""
    WHILE FILENAMES(I) = ""
      PRINT "Enter filename # "; I; " ";
      INPUT FILENAMES(I) : PRINT
    WEND
  NEXT I
END SUB
```

```

SUB GetStrings(STRNGS(1),REPLACES(1),REPLACE(1),NUM.STRINGS) STATIC
' Subroutines to input search/replace strings
  NUM.STRINGS = 0
  WHILE NUM.STRINGS <= 0
    INPUT "Enter number of search/replace strings ";NUM.STRINGS
    PRINT
  WEND
  FOR I = 1 TO NUM.STRINGS
    REPLACES(I) = ""
    PRINT : PRINT "For string # ";I
    INPUT "      Enter string ";STRNGS(I)
    INPUT "      Replace F)ind ";AS
    IF (INSTR("Rr",MIDS(AS,1,1)) = 0) THEN
      REPLACE(I) = FALSE
    ELSE
      REPLACE(I) = TRUE
      INPUT "      Enter replacement string ";REPLACES(I)
    END IF
    PRINT
  NEXT I
END SUB

SUB ReadLines(L$(1),FILENAMES(1),INDEX,NUM.LINES) STATIC
' Subroutines to read text lines
  LPRINT "PROCESSING FILE : ";FILENAMES(INDEX)
  OPEN "I",1,FILENAMES(INDEX)
  NUM.LINES = 0
  WHILE (NOT EOF(1)) ' AND (NUM.LINES <= MAX.LINES)
    NUM.LINES = NUM.LINES + 1
    LINE INPUT#1,L$(NUM.LINES)
  WEND
  CLOSE #1
END SUB

SUB CenterText(T$) STATIC
' Subroutine to center a message
  PRINT SPC(40 - LEN(T$)/2);T$
END SUB

SUB WriteLines(L$(1),FILENAMES(1),INDEX,NUM.LINES) STATIC
' Subroutine to write the updated file
  OPEN "O",1,FILENAMES(INDEX)
  FOR I = 1 TO NUM.LINES
    PRINT#1,L$(I)
  NEXT I
  CLOSE#1
END SUB

```

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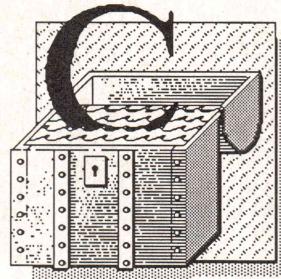
This month I'll continue discussing the nr text formatter that I introduced last month. I'll present the first part of a complete users' guide and continue it in the next column. The source-code disk contains a complete implementation of the ms macro package. (See the end of this column for information about the source code disk.) Nr is as much a programming language as it is a text formatter, and a look at a complex macro package such as ms can show you how to program in that language.

I should preface this article by saying that I've implemented the Unix nroff as closely as I can. Over the course of several years, I've learned more things about nroff than I actually care to know. I do not claim, however, to know everything there is to know about the real nroff. As a consequence, there may be a few differences between nr and the real nroff, introduced because I can't figure out how the real nroff works. Sorry. I should also say that, though I've used the program presented here for several years now and don't know about any bugs, I'm a creature of habit and probably haven't exercised those parts of the program that have bugs in them. In particular, when you get into the realm of fancy laser printers and proportional spacing, nr may not work without your having to modify the program somewhat. It works fine on the various printers I own (HP Thinkjet, Brother HR-15, and HP-Laserjet+), but these are the only print-

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ers on which the program has been used. I've added the proportional-spacing features very recently, so I don't have as much confidence in that part of the program as I do in the older parts.

As I write this article, I'm looking at the code more closely than I have for



a while. As a consequence I'm noticing (and fixing) a few nroff incompatibilities I hadn't noticed before. Two such fixes affect one of the subroutines I discussed last month—the expression parser in parse.c. This parser treats the 'str1 str2' expression as if it were using the C `strcmp()` function. Nroff, on the other hand, evaluates this expression to true if the two strings are equal and to false if they are not—the opposite of `strcmp()`. A second problem with the parser is actually a bug. It shouldn't recognize a quote as white space. To modify parse.c to fix these problems, replace line 293 of parse.c with:

`rval = !strcmp(s1, s2);`

and change line 137 to:

`while(isspace(*Str))`

Nr Users' Guide

It's almost impossible to describe a program as complex as nr in an orderly fashion because there's no way to organize the material to avoid forward references. Consequently,

you'll probably have to read this guide (and its conclusion in my next column) twice—once to get a general idea of how the program works and a second time to fill in the details.

Nr is an almost complete implementation of the Unix nroff text formatter. It incorporates several of troff's functions as well, and it can generate output for most printers without any modifications to the source code.

Nr is a compiler-like text formatter. You create the input text with a normal editor and then submit it to nr just like you'd submit a program to a compiler. Nr formats the input and sends the resultant text to standard output (so you have to redirect it if you don't want to display it on the screen). You invoke nr with:

`nr [-switches] files . . . [>stream]`

You can list several files—they are just concatenated as the program runs. The command-line switches are optional, and several of them are position sensitive. Table 1, below, summarizes supported switches. They are:

`--`—print a list of legal command-line switches.

`-c`—map all control characters, if present, to visible characters before they're printed. This option is partic-

<code>-c</code>	don't print (c)ontrol characters
<code>-d</code>	print only o(d)d pages
<code>-e</code>	print only (e)ven pages
<code>-m<str></code>	append (m)acro: /lib/tmac/<str>.mac
<code>-n<num></code>	(n)umber first page <num>
<code>-o<list></code>	print (o)nly pages in list <list>
<code>-p</code>	suppress bold, underline, overstrike
<code>-r<str></code>	set number (r)eg: <code>-rx<num> -rxx<num></code>
<code>-s<num></code>	(s)top every <num> pages
<code>-t<str></code>	set s(t)ring: <code>-tx<str> -txx<str></code>
<code>-v</code>	(v)erbose mode, echo input commands

Table 1: Summary of command-line arguments



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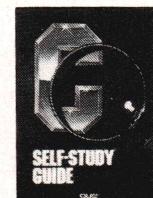
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ularly useful for debugging escape sequences that are sent directly to the printer. Nonprinting characters are output as `<DD>`, where *DD* is two hex digits.

-d—print only odd-numbered pages. This option is useful if you're sending output to a laser printer and want two-sided output. This command interacts with the **-o** and **-n** switches described later (for example `nr -d -o10-20 file.nr >prn` prints only odd-numbered pages in the range 11 to 19).

-e—print only even-numbered pages.

-m<name>—cause the contents of a macro file to be processed before any of the normal input files are processed. You can think of **-m** as short for `/lib/tmac/name.mac`. For example, the switch **-ms** causes *nr* to process the file `/lib/tmac/s.mac`. If you specify several **-m** options, the files are processed in order from left to right, and all macro files are processed before any normal files are processed.

-n<num>—cause the first page to be numbered *N*—for example, **-n10** causes page numbering to start at 10.

-o<list>—print only those pages in `<list>`. The list can take several forms. The simplest is **-o1,3,5**, which prints only pages 1, 3, and 5. You can specify ranges of pages, as in **-o5-10**, which prints pages 5 to 10 inclusive. The notation **-o-10** means print all pages from the beginning of the document up to and including page 10. Similarly, **-o10-** means print from page 10 to the end of the document. You can combine all these forms, as in **-o-10,12,15-20,30-**, which prints pages 1 to 10, page 12, pages 15 to 20, and from page 30 to the end of the document. Note that the **-n** option interacts with the **-o** and **-e** options—that is, if you say **-n5**, then saying **-o2** won't work because there is no page 2.

-p—generate plain output (suppress

all boldface, underline, and overstrike).

-r<str>—initialize a number register (described later). This option can have two forms:

-rx123
-rxx123

The first form initializes the single-character number register *x* to 123; the second initializes the two-character register *xx*. These numbers can be used in the document with `\nx` and `\n(xx` (see later).

-s<num>—stop output every *num* pages. This option is useful if you have to hand-feed paper into your printer one page at a time (use **-s1** for this purpose).

-t<str>—initialize a text string macro (works just like **-n** does). The text is available inside the document using the `*x` and `*(xx` mechanisms, described later. Note that you have to quote the string to get blanks into the text:

nr " -txtext with spaces" file

-v (verbose mode)—cause commands to be echoed to standard output just before they're executed but after all the escape sequences (described later) have been expanded. Commands that are part of macro definitions aren't echoed. The name of the input source (a file or macro name) is printed as well. This is a debugging option.

Input to Nr

The command structure and command names *nr* uses are almost identical to those that *nroff* uses. There are a few minor differences that I will discuss later. Because I didn't want to create a binary intermediate file, such as the one used by *ditroff* (device-independent *troff*), I've added several nonstandard commands to support configuration to various printers. Nonstandard commands are identified as such in the following command descriptions.

One of my original intentions in writing *nr* was to be able to write documents at home and then upload these to the *nroff* system at school for

final typesetting. Consequently, I tried to make the move as painless as possible. At the macro level, *nr* is identical to *nroff*. I've written an implementation of the *ms* macro package that's in use at UC Berkeley. If your documents are formatted with *ms*, as are the overwhelming majority of *nroff* and *troff* documents, porting to a real Unix system is trivial. The few minor differences between the *nr* internal commands and the real *nroff* are well documented and easily translated. I just recently transferred a complete book from *nr* to the VAX at school and for the most part experienced no difficulties. The main problem I had was with translating macros not in the *ms* package to the real *nroff/troff*. *Nr* is better documented than *nroff* itself. As a consequence, writing real *nroff* macros can be difficult. Once you have created the equivalent macros, translation is no problem, of course. The other problems I had were typesetter-related. A typesetter is not a daisy-wheel printer, and the differences took a few days to figure out.

Nr takes as input a normal ASCII text file that contains intermingled text and formatting commands. Note that *nr* won't automatically map ASCII to a funny daisywheel—you have to do it yourself. *Nr*, unlike *troff*, understands the entire ASCII character set. Some of the characters (such as `\`) have a special meaning to *nr*, however, and have to be entered in a special way, discussed later. There's also a provision for printing special non-ASCII characters.

Nr commands take two forms: dot commands and escape sequences. Dot commands all start with a dot in the leftmost column. The dot is followed by a one- or two-letter command name. All of the built-in commands have two-letter names. You can create new commands using *nr*'s macro capability, however, and these can have either one- or two-letter names. There can be any amount of white space (spaces or tabs) between the dot and the first character of the name, which is useful inside a macro if you want to indent the body of an *.if* statement. Because *.if* and *.ie* (*.if...else*) statements nest, indenting can help a great deal.

Escape sequences, the other sort of command, are text strings that are

embedded in the text itself. They all begin with a backslash (\) but are otherwise dissimilar. You use escape sequences for such tasks as changing fonts on the fly or expanding certain macros. The `\fI` escape sequence, for example, changes the current font to italics and `\fP` puts it back to the previous state. You can put a word into italics with `\fIword\fP`.

Expressions

All the nr commands that take numeric arguments can also take expressions (which are computed as the document is processed) instead of absolute numbers. Several operators are available, shown in Table 2, right. All these operators work just like their C equivalents do except that expression evaluation doesn't terminate when the truth or falsity of an `&&` or `!!` expression is determined. Note that this is a more powerful expression syntax than is supported by the real nroff.

Be careful of strings that follow expressions on the command line. Because white space is legal in an expression, the analyzer just scans the input line until it finds an illegal character. If you say something such as:

```
.vd <up> 1 <down>
```

the `<` that precedes *down* will be absorbed by the expression parser because `<` is a legal character in an expression. The problem can be fixed by putting quote marks around the strings:

```
.vd "<up>" 1 "<down>"
```

Most commands treat leading plus or minus signs specially. These signs cause the current value associated with a command to be incremented or decremented by the indicated amount.

For example:

```
.in 10 \" Set indent level to 10
.in +5 \" Increase it to 15
.in -5 \" Decrease it back to 10
```

The `\"` is a comment; all text that follows it is ignored.

The real nroff supports several unit-of-measurement operators that can be appended onto numbers (inches, picas, points, and so forth). Nr does not support these.

Dot Commands

Nr supports a rich set of dot commands (90 or so). As I mentioned earlier, all commands that take numeric arguments can be passed expressions

Operator	Precedence Level	Meaning
<code>()</code>	5	used for grouping
<code>-</code>	5	unary minus (as in <code>-5</code>)
<code>!</code>	5	logical NOT
<code>'s1's2'</code>	5	compares two strings—evaluates to true (1) if they are equal, to false (0) if they are not
<code>*</code>	4	multiply
<code>/</code>	4	divide
<code>%</code>	4	modulus (MOD)
<code>+</code>	3	addition
<code>-</code>	3	subtraction
<code><</code>	2	less than
<code><=</code>	2	less than or equal
<code>></code>	2	greater than
<code>>=</code>	2	greater than or equal
<code>==</code>	2	equal
<code>!=</code>	2	not equal
<code>&&</code>	1	logical AND
<code>!!</code>	1	logical OR

Table 2: Operators. All operators associate left to right. Higher numbers have higher precedence.

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instead of explicit numbers. The escape sequences on the line are expanded before the expression is evaluated, so you can use number registers and the like in expressions (I'll discuss these in depth in a moment). If a command argument contains any space characters, you must enclose it in double quotes, as in the following:

```
.ds x "several words in a string"
```

Unlike the various Unix shells, the quotes are just for grouping—they do not protect any internal escape sequences (introduced with a \) from expansion. For example:

```
.sp "(\nx + 15) * \ny"
```

is treated identically to:

```
.sp (\nx + 15)*\ny
```

but is a little easier to read.

All supported dot commands are discussed later. The commands are grouped functionally. Don't be dismayed by their number and complexity. As I mentioned earlier, nr is really a programming language that generates formatted text as output rather than a compiled program. Consequently, you hardly ever have to use the primitive commands themselves; rather, you use subroutines (macros) that are written in terms of the primitive commands. The advantage of a system such as this is that you can redefine the way your text formatter works to suit your convenience.

In all the following descriptions, brackets delimit an optional argument (*arg*); in nonliteral arguments, *on* is a string that turns something on and *N* is a number; and angle brackets are used when more than one word is needed to describe an argument (*<left str>*).

Configuration

Nr has several commands that configure it to work with specific printers. Typically these are concentrated in a macro file that is read using the *-m* command-line switch—for example, the switch *-mlaser* tells nr to read

the file */lib/tmac/laser.mac* before processing other files. The ms macro package I use is configured so that text is displayed properly on the screen, provided that ANSYS is installed—that is, boldface is shown in high intensity, italic is underlined, and so forth.

The configuration commands are:

.bd on off—takes as its argument two strings—one to turn boldface on, the

Nr is a compiler-like text formatter that can generate output for most printers.

other to turn it off. The maximum length of either string is 80 characters. Use \x to send control characters. For example:

```
.bd \x1b[1m \x1b[0m
```

configures nr for ANSYS. It outputs *ESC[1m* (*0x1b* is an *ESC*) to enable boldface printing. *ESC[0m* turns it off again. If a *.bd* command is never specified, or if a *.bd* is executed with no arguments, then boldface is done by printing every character twice with an intervening backspace (*C<bs>C*). This command is a little different from the one in nroff.

.cm [on]—enable nroff-style copy mode during macro definitions. If an argument is present, nroff copy mode is enabled; otherwise, it's turned off. In normal copy mode only \ and \<CR> are recognized. In nroff mode the following are recognized:

```
\" \<cr> \n \* \$ \\ \. \t \a
```

Both modes are discussed in greater detail later.

.hd <left str> N <right str>—define horizontal motion. The two strings send the printer cursor left or right by *1/N* spaces. The width of a space is taken from the currently active character-width table (it is 1 in

the default monospaced font) and can be changed with a *.ss* command. *N* determines the minimum resolution for the space between characters in proportional-spacing mode. All the widths in the character-width table must be in terms of *N* as well.

As an example, if a space character occupies 12 units of horizontal resolution in a specific font, *N* is 12 and the two strings, when sent to the printer, move the cursor *1/12* of a space width. The character-width tables loaded with the *.df* command (discussed later) contain widths that will all be in terms of these minimum, *1/12* space units. For example, if the character-width table entry for *i* is 6, the character *i* occupies *6/12* of the space occupied by a space. If the entry for *A* is 14, the character *A* takes up *14/12* (*1 1/6*) of the space required for a space character. The default *<left string>* is a single backspace character, the default *<right string>* is a single space character, and the default *N* is 1.

.id on off—send the string specified in *on* to the printer to put it into italics (underline) mode; *off* takes it out. The maximum length of either string is 80 characters. Use \x<two hex digits> to send a control character. If no arguments are present or if no *.id* is specified, then underlining is used—nr prints an underscore, a backspace, and then the character for each character.

.od on off—put the printer into overstrike mode (works like *.id* does). A dash is used instead of an underscore in the default situation.

.ss N—change the width of a space in the currently active font to *N*; the default *N* is 1.

.vd <up str> N <down str>—define vertical motion. The *<up str>* string moves the printer cursor up *1/N* lines; the *<down str>* moves it down again.

Font Control and Character Attributes

Several commands are available to change the current font and to load new fonts. Nr handles fonts a little differently from the way nroff does, primarily because most printers han-

dle the various highlight modes somewhat differently from the way that phototypesetters do. All fonts have single-letter names. Five names are reserved by nr:

R—Roman, the default font

I—italics (or underline)

B—boldface

O—overstrike

P—previous

The *R* font is the default font. Initially it is a monospaced (nonproportional) font, but you can replace it with a proportional font by using a *.df* command. You can change the current font with either the *.ft * command or with an embedded *\f* escape sequence. For example, you can put the word into italics with *\fitalics\fP*. Here, *\f* switches into the italics font (by sending out the string defined with the *.id* command, described earlier), prints the word *italics*, and then switches back to the previously active font with *\fP*.

The *I* (italics) attribute is a little weird in that it's used for both italics and underlining. Typically you can have only one or the other in a document, not both. If you want to have both, you should use nr's italics and then use the line-drawing characters to underline a word when necessary. Note that the real nroff doesn't support an *O* default font. Nr is also different from nroff in that nr treats the *I*, *B*, and *O* fonts as attributes rather than as actual fonts. That is, when you change to font *I*, the current font stays active but nr sends whatever string was defined with the *.id* command out to the printer. This way you can have a bold-italic character by using *\f1\fBword\fP*. Changing to any font other than *I*, *B*, or *O* disables all three attributes.

Font commands are:

.bo [$+-$]*N*—put all words on the next *N* input lines into boldface. The default *N* (used when *N* is missing) is 1. Note that this is not an nroff command, though it can be simulated with a macro in nroff. If you want to put an unspecified amount of text into boldface, use:

.bo 1000

<a bunch of text goes here>

.bo 0

.ul [*N*]—underline (or put into italics) words only on the next *N* input lines. Only alphanumeric characters are underlined; punctuation, spaces, and so on are not.

.cu [+−]N—underline (or italicize) words continuously on the next N input lines. All characters are underlined, even spaces and punctuation. For example, This is continuous underlining and this is not.

.os [*N*]—overstrike the next *N* input lines (works like *.ul* does). If *N* is missing, 1 is used.

.df F <start> <end> <cwidths>—
redefine the *R* font (but not the *I*, *O*, or
P fonts) or add a new font. If no argu-
ments are present, a list of existing
fonts is printed to standard output
along with the character-width
tables.

F is a font name (one character), *<start>* is the name of a macro to invoke when the font is activated in the normal way (with a *\fF* or *.ft F* command), *<end>* is a macro to invoke when you switch out of the font, and *<cwidths>* is the name of a file that holds the character-width table associated with the font. This file must be composed of 256 numbers, with the numbers listed in ASCII order—that is, the first number is the character corresponding to an ASCII '*\0*', the second number is a Ctrl-B, the 32nd number is the width of the space character, and so on. Numbers must be separated from each other by either white space or new lines.

A sample font-width table is shown in Table 3, below. The 0s on the first line correspond to the characters having numeric values in the range 0 to 31 (all the control characters). A space (ASCII 32) is 12 units wide, an exclamation point (ASCII 33) uses 6 units, a double-quote mark (ASCII 34) uses 8 units, and so on. If numbers are missing from the end of the list, 1 is assumed. A *unit* here must also be defined in the *.hd* command described earlier. If no font-width file is specified to *.df*, a table is created and all entries in it are set to 1. (This is the default for a monospaced font.)

.ft *F*—change to font *F* at the beginning of the next input text line. You can also embed font changes with a *\fF* escape sequence. Note that, if font *F* doesn't exist, the error won't be flagged until the output routines try to process the font change request.

Text Filling, Adjusting, and Centering

`Nr` generally fills lines—that is, it collects words from input (a word is any space-delimited collection of characters) until it has collected an entire output line, and then it outputs all the words on a single line. For example:

This
is several
words.

will be collected and printed as:

This is several words.

If hyphenation is enabled, it will read one word too many and then try

Table 3: A font-width file

to hyphenate the last one. If *nr* can insert a hyphen to squeeze more characters onto the current line, it will do so. You can also adjust the text in several other ways. The most common is to insert white space between words in order to get the rightmost characters to line up (with the words spread as evenly as possible on the line).

You can force a line break (in which the contents of the fill buffer are printed even if there aren't enough words to fill the line) in several ways. The *.br* command always causes a break and leaves the cursor at the beginning of the next output line. In addition, several other commands—*.bp*, *.br*, *.ce*, *.fi*, *.in*, *.nf*, *.sp*, and *.ti*—cause breaks as a side effect of their operation. If you don't want a line to break when one of these is executed, replace the dot that's usually used to introduce a command with the *nobreak* command character (the default is a backquote [`]). For exam-

ple, the *.sp N* command usually causes a break and then prints *N* blank lines. The *'sp N* command, however, prints the blank lines without flushing the fill buffer first. You can change the default no-break character with a *.c2* command.

Commands for controlling filling and margins are:

.ad [C]—turn on margin adjusting. Adjustment modes (values of *C*) are:

b—adjust both margins.

n—same as *b*.

l—adjust only the left margin, leaving a ragged-right edge, as in a hand-typed document.

r—adjust only the right margin, leaving a ragged-left edge. God knows what this mode is good for, but *nroff* supports it.

c—center each output line on the page.

If *C* is missing then the most recently active adjustment mode is used.

.br (break)—print all the words in the current fill buffer even if there aren't enough words to fill the output line,

then go to the next output line.

.ce [N]—center the next *N* input lines without filling. Default *N* is 1. This command causes a break.

.fi—enable line filling. The default is filling off, so a *.fi* command must be specified at the top of the input. This is usually done automatically by a macro file such as *ms*. This command causes a break.

.na—turn off adjusting. Turn it back on with a *.ad*.

.nf—disable line filling, flushing the buffer first. This command causes a break.

Page Control

Nr has several commands for page control:

.bp [[+ -] N]—begin page *N*. If *N* is absent, use the current page number plus 1. Note that *N* is the number of the new page, not the current one, so a footer on the current page will reflect the old number. If *N* has a leading plus or minus sign, the current page number is modified by the indicated amount. This command causes a break.

.ne N—need *N* lines. If there aren't that many lines on the current page, then force a new page. The *.ne* command actually looks at the distance from the current position on the output page to the next output line trap, discussed later in the Macros, Strings, Diversions, and Traps section. If this distance is less than *N*, *nr* skips forward to the trap. The assumption here is that the trap will be an end-of-page trap.

.pl [+ -] N—set page length to *N* lines.

.po [+ -] N—set page offset to *N* spaces. The page offset is a specified number of space characters that are printed to the left of every output line—that is, *.po* defines the width of the left margin.

Changing Special Characters

Certain characters are special to *nr*. These are:

.(command character)—introduces

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dot commands.

(nobreak character)—also introduces commands, but a line break is not done if that command usually forces a break.

\ (escape character)—introduces an escape sequence.

You can change these characters with the following:

.c2 [C]—change no-break character to C. If C is missing, use a backquote (`).

.cc [C]—change command character to C. If C is missing, use a period (.).

.ec c—change escape character to C. If C is missing, use a backslash (\).

.eo—disable the escape mechanism entirely (change the escape character to nothing). You can restore it again with a .ec command.

Spacing, Line Length, and Indenting

You can use the commands listed in this section to change line spacing, the current indent level, and so forth. If you use a leading plus or minus sign in a numeric argument, the current value is modified by the indicated amount; otherwise, the current value is changed to the indicated value.

.in [+ -]—change the indent level to N. This indent is in addition to the left margin, which is set up with the .po command, described earlier. If you use both .po and .in, then the left margin is the sum of the values given to the two commands. Generally the page offset remains constant throughout a document, and the indent is changed with .in. This command causes a break.

.ll [+ -]N—change line length to N spaces. The line length determines how many words are collected when line filling is enabled.

.ls [+ -]N—change line spacing to N lines; 1 is single spacing, 2 is double spacing, and so on.

.ns—inhibit the printing of blank lines (no-space mode)—that is, no blank lines will be printed until some text is encountered, a .bp N is executed (the N is required), or a .rs is executed. This command is useful in the top-of-page macro.

.rs—restore blank line printing when it has been turned off with a previous .ns command.

.sp [N]—space down N lines (print N blank lines). N can be negative if your printer supports reverse line feeds and a previous .vd command was executed. This command causes a break. Note that a blank input line is treated identically to a .sp 1 (it forces a break and prints a blank line under the flushed text).

.ti N—set the temporary indent to N spaces—that is, only the next output line will be indented by the indicated amount. This command is useful for the first line of a paragraph. The indent level for this line will be the sum of the indents specified in the .po and .ti commands—that is, the .in command isn't used in the calculation. To indent relative to the current indent level, use a leading plus or minus sign. For example, .ti +5 causes the next line to be indented five spaces further than the current indent level, as specified with previous .in or .po commands. The .ti command causes a break.

Macros, Strings, Diversions, and Traps

Macros are the heart of nr. Without them the word processor would be so difficult to use that it wouldn't be worth the trouble. Macros are collections of text. When you define a macro, the text is saved by nr, and when you expand a macro, the text is used for input. The mechanism is identical to the #define mechanism in C. A macro name can be any length, though for nroff compatibility I'd suggest limiting yourself to one- or two-character names. Macros used in traps (discussed shortly) must have one- or two-character names, however. Macro names are case sensitive. You cannot define a macro that has the same name as a built-in dot command (if you do, the macro will just be ignored).

A macro is defined with a .de <name> command and is expanded as if it were a dot command whenever you precede its name with a dot in the first column. A macro can take up to nine arguments (accessible within the macro using \\$1, \\$2, and so forth). For example a macro defined with:

```
.de xx
arg 1 <\$1>
arg 2 <\$2>
arg 3 <\$3>
...
```

is invoked with:

.xx "this is one argument" doo wha

and will print:

```
arg 1 <this is one argument>
arg 2 <doo>
arg 3 <wha>
```

Macros can also call other macros (though recursion is not permitted). In practice they are used in the same way as subroutines are. They let you take the nr primitives described here and do something useful with them.

There are two flavors of macros: true macros and strings. A true macro is intended to hold a collection of commands and text; a string is intended to hold text that is expanded into a line. In practice, the only difference is that the last line in a macro is terminated with a carriage return whereas the last line of a string is not. Strings are defined with a .ds or .as command. They are expanded using the *x or *(xx escape sequences. The first syntax is for one-character names, and the second is for two-character names. Strings may contain escape sequences. Note that they are defined in normal mode, however (not in copy mode as the real nroff does it). This means that you need to use double backslashes to get an escape sequence into a string. For example, if you want to define a string called #d that prints the word #define in boldface, you could use:

```
.ds #d \\fB#define\\fP
```

The string could be used later by embedding a *(#d into the text where you wanted the word to appear.

A diversion is a macro that's used to

delay printing temporarily. This way you can collect footnotes or a table of contents in a diversion and then print the diversion out at the end of the document. The *.di xx* command causes output to be sent to the macro called *xx* rather than to the output stream. A *.di* without arguments will stop the redirection and restore the previous output stream. Diversion nesting is permitted—you can redirect to a diversion from within a diversion.

Macros and diversions are both created in copy mode, a crippled input mode in which only two escape sequences are recognized (*\`* and *\<CR>*). Copy mode is described in greater depth later. Nr supports two copy modes—the one just described and an nroff-compatible copy mode that is a little less restrictive. Small macros are stored internally, in RAM. If the macro gets too large (greater than 256 characters), it is stored on disk, however. The file names all take the form *xxxx.mac*, where *xxxx* is four hex digits. The string defined in the *TMP* environment (created by *COMMAND.COM* with a *set* command and by the shell with a *setenv* command) is appended to the front of the file name, so you can use something such as:

```
set TMP d:/tmp/
```

to put macro files onto a RAM disk. The trailing */* is necessary here. Macro files are all deleted when nr terminates.

One of the more useful features of nr is a trap. A trap is way to tell nr to expand a macro automatically when a specified event occurs. For example, you can set a trap to expand a macro at the top or bottom of every page. You can spring a trap after a specified number of input lines have been read or after a specified number of lines have been put into a diversion. There's also a special trap that's sprung once, after the entire document has been printed.

.de name [xx]—define a macro and give it the indicated *name*. All lines between the *.de* command and the first line that begins with *.* (or with *.xx*, where *xx* is the second argument to *.de*) are added to the macro. If a macro with the indicated name exists, it is destroyed. If both arguments

are missing, all currently defined macros are printed (like *.pm* in real nroff does, except the contents of the macro are printed, too).

.am name [xx]—append text to an existing macro. It works like *.de* does but doesn't overwrite the existing macro.

.ds name text—define a string called *name*, and put the indicated *text* into it. If the string already exists, it is deleted.

.as name—append text to the end of an existing string. It works like *.ds* does except that it doesn't overwrite the existing string.

.di [name]—divert output to the named macro. The diversion is terminated by a *.di* or *.da* command that has no argument. Diversions can be nested. Normal text processing occurs in a diversion except that the page offset isn't done. If a macro having the indicated name already exists, it is destroyed.

.da [name]—divert text to the named macro, appending to its end rather than overwriting it. Stop appending when a *.da* or *.di* without an argument is encountered.

.rm name—remove the named macro or string. If the macro is on the disk, the file is deleted.

.em name—use the named macro as the end macro. This macro will be executed once, after all output has been processed. You can't give arguments to the end macro.

.wh N [name]—set an output line trap. The named macro is executed automatically, immediately after printing line *N* on every page. If *N* is 0, the trap is sprung at the top of a page (above line 1). If the *name* is absent, the trap at line *N* is removed. If *N* is negative, then the trap is set relative to the bottom of the page. (The location is determined by looking at the page length [as set with *.pl*] that was in effect when the *.wh* was executed.) The macro replaces any previously installed macro for that trap position; macros do not shadow one another as in the real nroff.

.ch name [+ -]N—change output line trap position for the named macro to line *N*. Any existing trap at that position is destroyed (nroff will shadow the earlier trap, not destroy it). If *N* is absent, the trap is removed.

.dt [+ -]N name—set a diversion trap. The named macro is executed after *N* lines have been written into the current diversion. Only one diversion trap may be active.

.it [+ -]N name—set an input line trap. Execute the named macro after *N* lines of input have been read. Only one input line trap may be active. A *.it* destroys a previous trap if one exists.

Environments

In a real programming language you can copy things into local variables when you need to save them. Nr, however, only supports global variables, and this can present a problem. A solution of sorts is the environment mechanism. An environment is a stack. When you save an environment, various parameters that control how nr works are pushed onto the stack. You can then change those parameters at will. The old environment can be popped from the stack at a later date, overwriting any changes that were made after the previous push. The saved parameters are listed in Table 4, page 108.

The *.ev [N]* command pushes various commonly used variables onto an environment stack. Nroff supports several environments, and nr supports only one. If an argument is present, the current environment is pushed. If no argument is present, a previously saved environment is popped from the stack. The stack can hold up to five environments. An error message is printed if you try to push more than five.

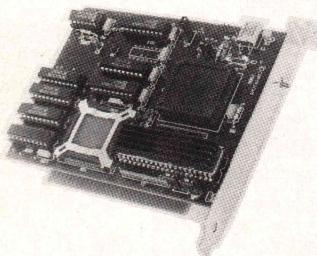
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Number registers are nr's global variables. They are used to hold numeric quantities. You create number registers with a *.nr* command and expand them into the text with *\nx* or *\n(xx* escape sequences. The first syntax is for one-character names, and the second is for two-character names. The string *\nx*, when found in the input, is replaced by a string representing the

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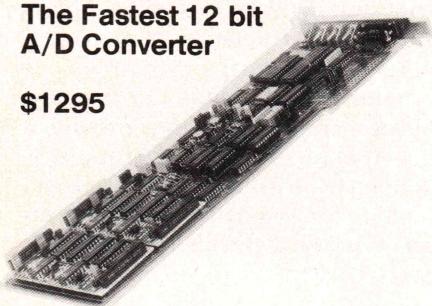
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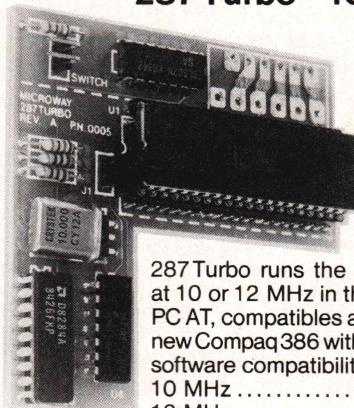
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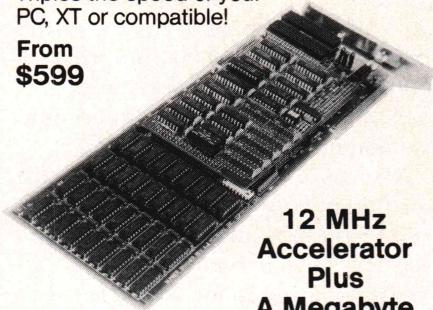
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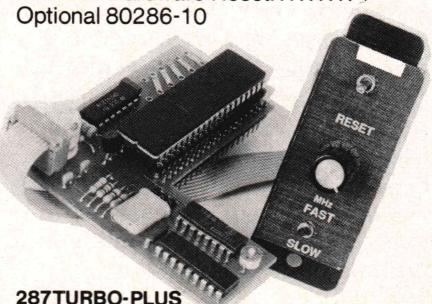
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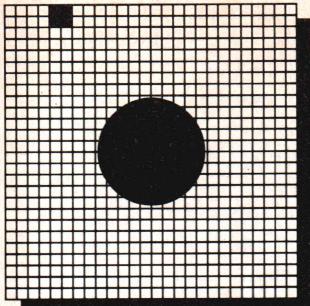
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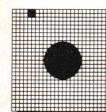
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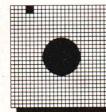
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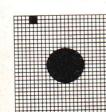
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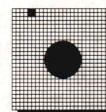
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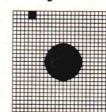
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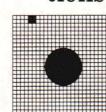
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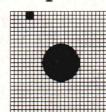
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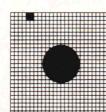
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contents of the indicated number register.

There are preincrement and decrement syntaxes, too: $\backslash n+x$, $\backslash n+(xx)$, $\backslash n-x$, and $\backslash n-(xx)$. With these syntaxes the number register is incremented (or decremented) by a predetermined amount before the escape sequence is interpolated. Nonexistent

number registers expand to 0. You can use number registers both in commands and embedded in the text.

Several number registers are created and maintained by *nr* itself (see Table 5, below). These hold such things as the current page number.

You can use number registers to do things such as keep track of the current footnote number. For example, *.nr fn 0* creates a number register called *fn* that will hold the footnote

The following parameters are saved:

- the unprinted contents of the fill buffer (the buffer is cleared after its contents are stored)
- the input line trap (it's cleared after being saved)
- the count associated with the *.cu*, *.ul*, *.bo*, or *.os*—all these are set to zero after being saved
- the adjustment mode (as set with *.ad*)
- the current font (as set with *\f* or *.ft*)
- the command character (as set with *.cc*)
- the escape character (as set with *.ec*)
- the current no-break character (as set with *.c2*)
- the fill status (line filling enabled [*.fi*] or disabled [*.nf*])
- the indent level (as set with *.in*)
- the page offset (as set with *.po*)
- the line spacing (as set with *.ls*)
- the line-numbering values (as set with *.nm*)
- the margin characters (*.mc* and *.lm*)
- the tab stops and the tab and leader expansion characters
- the line length (*.ll*)
- the temporary indent (*.ti*)
- the three-part title length (*.tl*)

Table 4: The contents of an environment

<i>%</i>	current output page number
<i>dl</i>	width of (maximum line length of any line in) the most recently completed diversion
<i>dn</i>	height of (numbers of lines in) most recently completed diversion
<i>dy</i>	day when execution started (1–31)
<i>h</i>	hour when execution started (1–24)
<i>hp</i>	current horizontal place on input line
<i>ln</i>	current line number used by the <i>.nm</i> command for line numbering.
<i>m</i>	minute when execution started (1–59)
<i>nl</i>	current output line number (used by <i>.nm</i>)
<i>mo</i>	month when execution started (1–12)
<i>s</i>	second when execution started (1–59)
<i>wd</i>	day of the week when execution started (1–7, 1 is Sunday)
<i>yr</i>	year (for example, 1987)
<i>.\$</i>	number of arguments to the current macro
<i>.c</i>	number of lines read from current input file.
<i>.d</i>	vertical place in current diversion (distance from line 1).
<i>.f</i>	currently active font (can be stored and then passed to <i>.ft</i> later on).
<i>.i</i>	current indent column (as set with a <i>.in</i>)
<i>.l</i>	current line length (as set with a <i>.ll</i>)
<i>.n</i>	length of the text part of previous output line
<i>.o</i>	current page offset (as set with <i>.po</i>)
<i>.p</i>	current page length (as set with <i>.pl</i>)
<i>.t</i>	distance to next trap (in lines) (very large if there's no trap)
<i>.u</i>	1 if in fill mode, 0 otherwise
<i>.v</i>	current line spacing (as set with <i>.ls</i>)

Table 5: Predefined number registers

number. You can access this register with *\n(fn*, but if you use *\n+(fn*, then the register will be incremented automatically before it's expanded. This process can in turn be hidden in a string—*.ds * \u\|n+(fn\|d*. Here the *\u* and *\d* send the cursor up and down half a line. You need two backslashes to prevent *nr* from expanding the number register at definition time. You can now expand the string with a **** in the text, thereby both printing and incrementing the current footnote number. The number register is incremented before it's expanded.

Number registers can be expanded into the text in several formats. That is, the number is just a number, but it can be expanded as an Arabic number (with optional zero fill), as an uppercase or lowercase Roman numeral, in outline format (*a, b, c, z...aa, ab...az*), or in English words (one thousand, two hundred fifty-seven).

.nr name [+ -]N [[-]M]—create or modify number register *name* by *N*. For example, *.nr x 10* creates a number register called *x* and initializes it to 10, and *.nr x +5* increases the contents of *x* to 15. *M* is the increment amount (the default is 1 if *M* is absent). When the number register is accessed using the *\n+x* or *\n+(xx* syntax, then *M* is added to the register before it is expanded. *M* may be negative. Unlike *nroff*, *.nr*, with no arguments, prints a list of all currently defined number registers and their contents.

.rr name—remove the named number register.

.af name mode—alter the expansion format of the named number register to the indicated mode. Default is Arabic. Legal values of *mode* are shown in Table 6, page 109. The leading 0s in the Arabic formats (as in the second and third lines of Table 6) determine the field width of the number.

In my next column, I'll conclude this user's manual by describing tabulation, control flow, hyphenation, line numbering, and more.

Availability

The February, March, and April 1987 C Chests have been combined to cre-

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1	1, 2, 3, 4, ...
01	01, 02, 03, 04, ...
001	001, 002, 003, 004, ...
i	i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, ...
I	I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, ...
a	a, b, c, ... z, aa, ab, ac, ... az, ba, bb, ...
A	A, B, C, ... Z, AA, AB, AC, ... AZ, BA, BB, ...
e	one, two, three, four, five, six, ...
E	One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, ...

Table 6: Number register output formats

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Definitions, Declarations, and Casts

Kernighan and Ritchie, for reasons unknown to myself, use the terms *declaration* and *definition* in a special way. Unfortunately, the way they use these words is the inverse of the way in which every other programmer thinks of them. A declaration is an announcement (at least according to *Webster's*). Consequently K & R use the word *declaration* to mean that you are announcing the presence of a variable to the compiler. You aren't allocating space for that variable; you're just announcing its presence somewhere in some module in your program. The linker will find the actual variable when the modules are linked. An *extern* statement is used to declare a variable in K & R's sense of the word.

On the other hand, *Webster's* says that to define an object is to "fix or mark the limits" of that object, to allocate space for the object. So a variable definition in C is what actually allocates space for a variable. This usage is backward from the normal usage, thus the confusion. A declaration is always implicit in a definition—when you allocate space for an object (define it), you also tell the compiler that the object exists somewhere (here).

The declaration/definition conundrum can cause problems. A particularly nasty one is brought about by implicit declarations of subroutines. If you use a subroutine that hasn't been previously declared (with either an *extern* statement or a real definition), the compiler assumes that the subroutine returns an *int*. The problem arises when you then use

the cast operator in conjunction with the implicit declaration.

A cast operator temporarily changes the type of a specific object. It is formed by writing a variable declaration of the required type, surrounding the declaration with parentheses, and then removing the name and semicolon. For example, you'd declare a character pointer with:

```
char *Dostoevski;
```

You change the declaration to a cast by surrounding the foregoing with parentheses:

```
(char *Dostoevski);
```

and removing the name and semicolon:

```
(char *)
```

You can now convert an object to a character pointer by preceding its use with the cast.

An example: you've defined an *int*-size variable called *baton* and want to pass it to a subroutine called *runner()*, which expects a *double*-size argument. You can force an *int*-to-*double* type conversion with a cast:

```
runner( (double) baton );
```

The definition/declaration problem arises when you try to use a cast to change the type of an object that was implicitly declared as type *int*. For example, the following will not work as expected in the 8086 medium or large models:

```
struct building *tourist;
tourist = (struct building *)
    malloc( sizeof(struct building) );
```

You had intended to convert the character pointer returned from *malloc()* into a building pointer. The compiler doesn't know that *malloc()* returns a character pointer, however. It assumes that *malloc()* returns an *int* because there's no preceding *extern* statement. Pointers and *ints* are different sizes in the 8086 medium or large models, however. (An *int* is probably 16 bits wide, and a pointer is probably 32 bits wide.) Because the compiler thinks that *malloc()* returns an *int*, it truncates the 32-bit pointer down to 16 bits—the size of an *int*. Only now will it look at the cast operator, converting the *int* back to a pointer. Unfortunately, the precision that you lost when the variable was truncated is still lost. That is, the upper 16 bits of the pointer are lost forever, converted to 0s.

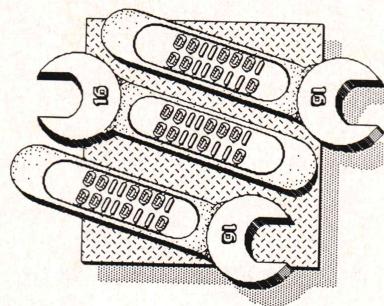
You can fix the problem by telling the compiler that *malloc()* indeed returns a pointer of some sort. Use either:

```
extern char *malloc();
tourist = (struct building *)
    malloc( ... );
```

or:

```
extern struct building *malloc();
tourist = malloc( ... );
```

In the first example, you're converting a character pointer to a building pointer. As both of these pointers are the same width, no precision is lost. ☐



80386 Resources

Attendees of the November 1986 Comdex in Las Vegas found themselves deluged by Intel 80386 hype and hysteria from vendors and press alike. I'll be discussing this interesting new supermicro at length in these pages after Santa brings me a 80386-based machine or accelerator board to play with; in the meantime, here are some helpful sources of information:

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An evaluation of the throughput of the 80386 and comparisons with other popular processors. It includes the C source code for the Dhrystone and Whetstone benchmarks.

80386 High Performance 32-Bit Microprocessor with Integrated Memory Management. Product data sheet dated April 1986. 131 pages. Intel order number 231630-002.

A very terse summary of the hardware reference and programmer's reference mentioned earlier.

You can order all the above from Intel Literature Sales, P.O. Box 58130, Santa Clara, CA 95052-8130; (800) 548-4725. Intel's telephone order service is courteous, and delivery is prompt. The Intel publication catalog, order number 210620-010, is free for the asking.

80386 Un-Resources

Murray, William H., III, and Pappas, Chris H. *80386/80286 Assembly Language Programming*. Berkeley, Calif.: Osborne/McGraw-Hill, 1986. 548 pages with index. ISBN 0-07-881217-8.

This is the 80386 reference book not to buy; it is a sad example of a publisher's unscrupulous attempt to cash in on a new technology. Murray's book is essentially about 8086 programming with a few nods to the

additional instructions and protected mode of the 80286, and it makes only token references to the 80386. The few program fragments that illustrate the 80386's 32-bit instructions would never run if assembled in current environments because they don't include the 32-bit override byte. Some of the more interesting features of the 386, such as caching, pipelined instruction execution, segments up to 4 gigabytes in length, and bit instructions, are not covered at all.

Assembly-Language Resources

The November/December 1986 issue of *Programmer's Journal* contains two articles that 16-Bit Toolbox readers will find especially useful. M. Steven Baker has contributed an explanation of Terminate and Stay Resident utilities that includes discussion of the In-DOS flag (*int 21h*, function *34h*) and the Multiplex Interrupt (*int 2fh*). George Defenbaugh has written an article on "Parents, Children, Redirection, and Piping" that discusses the MS-DOS *DUP* and *CDUP* functions (*int 21h*, functions *45h* and *46h*).

The Byte Information Exchange (BIX) has an exceptionally active and useful conference called MS-DOS Secrets. This conference already contains nearly a thousand messages about undocumented MS-DOS interrupts, TSR techniques, MS-DOS bugs and work-arounds, and the like. If you are a serious MS-DOS programmer, you will find the cost of a BIX account more than justified by this conference alone.

William Claff was kind enough to send me copies of the first eight issues of his monthly newsletter, *PC Tech Report*. These issues cover such topics as the *ASSUME* and *GROUP* directives, making .EXE files resident, device driver templates, 8087 programming, and a complete critical error

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Call for Papers

The Waite Group, a San Francisco-based computer book developer and publisher, is looking for contributing authors for a new book on MS-DOS entitled *The MS-DOS Papers*.

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A Nifty Tool

Cruise Control is a Terminate and Stay Resident (TSR) utility for IBM PCs and compatibles that eliminates *cursor runon*, the term the utility's author uses for the behavior of programs that cannot process keystrokes as fast as the keyboard's auto-repeat rate. When you are using such a pro-

gram and hold down a key, the keystrokes pile up in the type-ahead buffer until it is full and then you hear a beep that tells you to release the key. The piled-up keystrokes are then processed until the buffer is empty, so you frequently tab or scroll much farther than you intended to. Lotus 1-2-3, WordStar, and Microsoft Word are three commonly used programs that have this problem on older 8088 or 8086-based PCs.

The primary effect of Cruise Control is that it monitors the type-ahead buffer and dynamically adjusts the

Name

PASTE—horizontally concatenate two files

Synopsis

paste [–paste] [–b <string>] [–<n>] [file1] [file2]

Description

PASTE will append to the lines of <file1> the corresponding lines of <file2>, with an optional string between them. PASTE writes to standard output.

The following flags are recognized by PASTE:

- p <file1> does not exist (<string> is prepended to each line).
- a <file2> does not exist (<string> is appended to each line).
- s Do not print <string> with lines from only one file.
- t Resolve the ambiguous command *paste* <file>. The –t flag forces <file> to trail standard input—that is, *paste* <file> is equivalent to *paste* <file> <stdin>, and *paste* –t <file> is equivalent to *paste* <stdin> <file>.
- e Do not print <string> if both input lines are empty (contain no characters but '\n').
- b Indicates that a string of characters follows. The string is inserted between each line of <file1> and <file2>. The string can contain all the standard escape codes with the exception of '\0'. The escape sequence '\s' is also known to represent a blank. Blanks may also be embedded in a string by enclosing the string in quotes.
- <n> Print n lines of <file1> before appending lines of <file2>. If n is negative (for example, *paste* – –3), then n lines of <file2> will be printed first.

Bugs

On some systems, you'll have to use an escape sequence to represent capital letters in *string*. Also, a quoted string with multiple blanks can have them reduced to single blanks on systems that do not recognize quote marks as special—use the escape sequences '\s' or '\ '.

As of this writing, the standard escape sequences are:

- \b backspace
- \f form feed
- \n new line
- \r carriage return
- \t tab
- \0 null character (not allowed in string argument)
- \\" literal backslash
- \\" literal quote mark
- \' literal apostrophe
- \ddd bit pattern, consisting of 1 – 3 octal digits

Escape sequences special to PASTE:

- \s space

A backslash followed by any other character merely represents that character.

Author

John M. Gamble, January 1984

Table 1: Instructions for using the PASTE utility

keyboard auto-repeat rate to match the program's capability to process the keystrokes. This means that you never tab, page, or scroll past your desired destination. For those programs that can handle it, the apparent speed of many keys (such as the arrow or page keys) is drastically increased.

It sounds like a simple concept, but the difference in the behavior of your computer and favorite editor with Cruise Control installed is dramatic. I have used it with both Microsoft Word and MicroPro's WordStar with excellent results. Cruise Control also offers a few nifty fringe benefits, such as an automatic screen dimmer after a configurable time delay, on-line help, and a date and time stamper with configurable formats. The vendor claims that the utility is compatible with most other RAM-resident programs; it worked fine for me with both SideKick and PROCED.

You can obtain Cruise Control from Revolution Software Inc., 715 Rte. 10 E, Randolph, NJ, 07869; (201) 366-4445.

Programming Pearl of the Month

Richard Rodman, of Falls Church, Virginia, writes: "Here's a helpful hint for programmers attempting to write adapting I/O routines.

"The IBM PC data bus is not pulled up. If you try to read a data port to see if the board is or is not installed, and the board is not installed, you may get a false indication because the floating bus still contains the last data byte that was fetched by the CPU.

"To correct this problem, you need to ensure that the bus contains a pattern with as many bits set to 1 as possible. One method of doing this is shown below:

```
clc
clc
clc
clc
clc
clc
in al,dx
clc
clc
clc
clc
clc
clc
clc
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"The 8088's instruction prefetch queue is 6 bytes long. The six *clc* instructions (opcode *0f8h*) on each side of the *in* instruction allow the bus to float at a value of *0f8h* hex for unimplemented hardware.

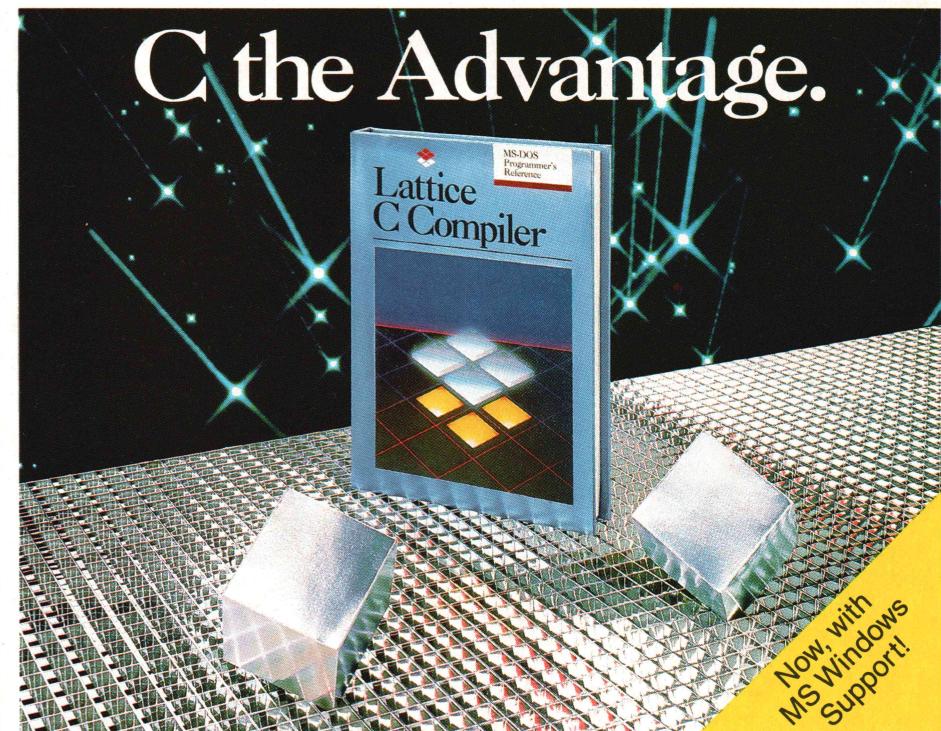
"The real solution, of course, would have been a terminated bus. Unfortunately, the IBM PC was a quick and dirty design."

The PASTE Utility

John Gamble of West Lafayette, Indiana, has sent in a useful program called PASTE that appends the lines of one file to the end of the lines of an-

other file and writes the resulting lines to the standard output device. PASTE can be used to horizontally concatenate tables or columns of information that have been edited separately. The program optionally prepends, appends, or inserts a string into the newly generated lines. Table 1, page 112, contains instructions for using the program, and the program's source code accompanies this column as Listing One, page 78. I have tested the program before publication with Microsoft C, Version 4.0, and MS-DOS, Version 3.1.

John writes: "I have found this pro-



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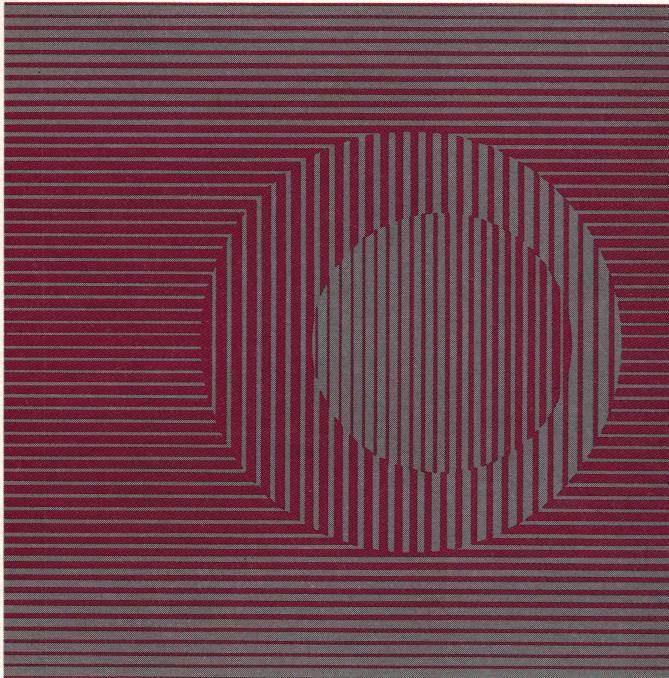


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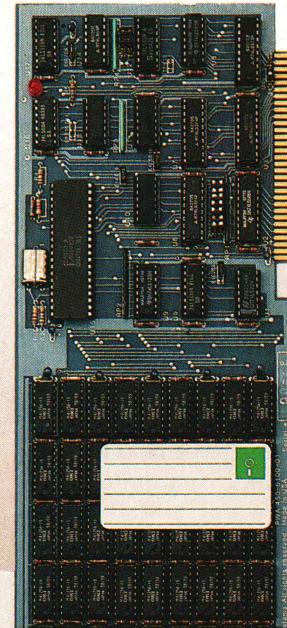
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gram useful for creating command files on the fly for systems such as VMS or MS-DOS by taking a directory listing as an input file and attaching strings to the beginning or end of the lines. The Unix shell can do this by itself, but there are still some tricks that can be played with PASTE. For example, the command

paste -a -b '\n' afile.txt

will double-space the lines in afile.txt.

"I think that, if the program needs any improvement, it is in its method of input/output—it is done character by character. I really ought to have made it more efficient, but I fell foul of the 'good enough' syndrome and lost interest.

"[After writing this program] I learned that there is a similar Unix System V utility, also called PASTE. It appends the lines of one file to another, too, but it automatically inserts a tab between the lines and will accept more than two files on the command line—I think it is meant more for nroff text processing."

Semester Final

Larry Heberlein, of Maryville, Maryland, submits this little tidbit:

Final Exam: Algorithm Design 101 Extra-Credit Question

You attempt a search and replace operation using a commercial word processor—the latest version of Word from Microsoft, the world's largest microcomputer software house. . . . You load a 20K file into a PC with 640K RAM. With the program and file loaded, 400K of memory are free. You attempt to replace every carriage return in the file with a space. Less than a quarter of the way through the file, the operation aborts with the error message 'insufficient memory.' You observe that this happens reliably, in any file, on any replacement, with a sufficiently large number of occurrences.

"An A for the course goes to any student who turns in a replacement algorithm so bad that it can't succeed in memory 20 times the size of the data."

Assembly vs. High-Level Languages

Charles Lyall of Kingman, Alberta, writes: "I couldn't let your invitation in the July 1986 issue of *DDJ* to discuss the assembly-language vs. high-level-language issue go unanswered.

"I am an EDP consultant who hacked his first piece of code in 1963 on an IBM 1620. Even in those days we were arguing the relative merits of assembly vs. higher-level languages. Now we have several fourth-genera-

It is not always true that assembly- language programs run faster than high-level programs.

tion languages that help to spice up the debate even more.

"I must take issue with your statement that 'It doesn't take me more than an hour or two to write a program the size of TEE from scratch in assembly language. . . .' The statement is false! Oh, I am quite sure that you could write it in Microsoft MASM for the IBM PC. Could you write it in two hours in assembly language for the VAX? No, then how about a Data General NOVA? A UNIVAC 1100 perchance? I think not. I can keep two assembly languages in my head at one time, but that is it. I doubt if you are truly fluent in more than two assembly languages either.

"What you really meant is that you can write TEE in assembly language for one particular machine in two hours. Mr. Gary Woodman can write the equivalent program in a few minutes for every machine that has a C compiler. I suggest that the C compiler is infinitely more productive.

"To quote you again: 'For me, the benefits of the superior performance and compactness of an assembly-language program almost always outweigh all other considerations for utility programs I am going to run more than once.' I submit that this is illogical. Let us put some numbers on it, Ray. Suppose Gary Woodman's

program runs in 10 seconds and your program runs in 1 second. But you took two hours to write your program, and Gary probably took 15 minutes. That's a difference of 105 minutes, or 6,300 seconds, of coding time. At a 9-second advantage per run, you are going to have to run the little turkey 700 times in order to break even on total elapsed time.

"It is not necessarily always true that assembly-language programs run faster and take less space than equivalent high-level-language programs. A case in point is a little routine available to strip the high-order bit from WordStar files. It is written in assembly language and handles its input and output one character at a time, and it uses DOS to redirect both input and output. It is slowwww! I wrote a C program that reads in 16K of input, strips the bit off using register variables for my pointers to make things trot along, and then writes the buffer. Now that moves. True, my routine is much bigger, but in this case I will cheerfully trade size for speed. It took only a few minutes to write, too.

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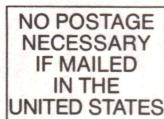
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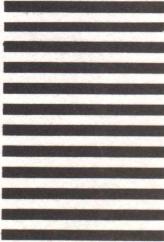
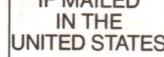
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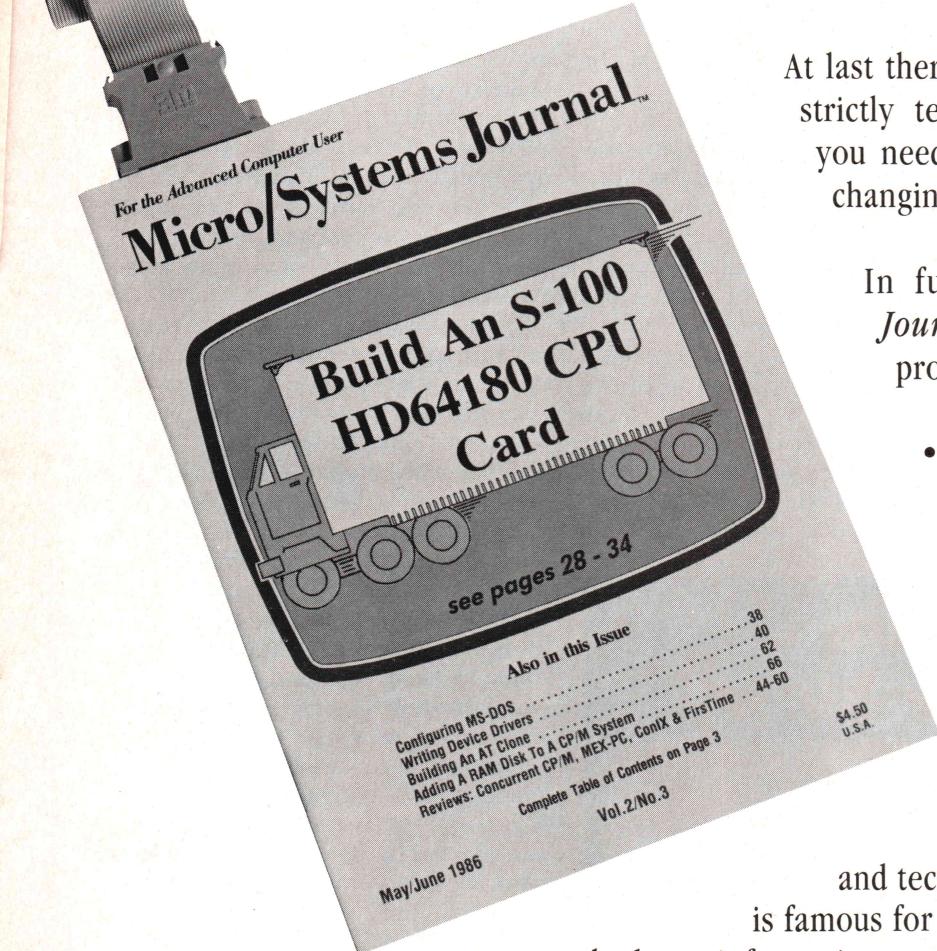
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break even! The faster a machine is, the less benefit assembly-language code is on that machine.

"A similar argument can be made about storage. The cheaper mass storage and memory become, the less advantageous compact code becomes. Accountants call it a rise in the opportunity cost. In other words, by writing a utility in assembly language, you forego the other utilities that you could have written if you had used a more productive language. Against this you balance benefits of program size and run time, which become less and less significant as computer speeds rise and primary and secondary storage costs decline.

"As a high priest, to use Jerry Pournelle's epithet, I use assembly language to answer two classes of problems: when I can't describe the procedure in a high-level language and when a critical small portion of the program runs too slowly.

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"Interestingly enough, my company has encountered a problem with a communications handler, and the communications expert, a red-hot macro programmer, intends to solve that one in FORTRAN. Certainly he could solve it in assembly language, but he can do it cheaper in FORTRAN. On a 16-megabyte VAX 780, the run time and space disadvantages are

immaterial.

"In the long run, we spend three times as much time and effort on code maintenance than we do on the initial design and coding. To me, the benefits of clarity and simplicity in code and ease of maintenance outweigh all other considerations about 90 percent of the time. The other 10 percent of the time, we are dealing with the nasty bits that shouldn't be discussed in a family magazine.

"In conclusion, my position is that languages are tools to be used to solve problems and they are not ends in themselves. They have merits only to the extent that they help us meet our objectives. Two of these objectives are speed and compactness. Other objectives are clarity, simplicity, self-documentation, maintainability, programmer productivity in lines per day, and so on.

"A person who uses only one programming language puts me in mind of the man whose only tool is a hammer. All his problems look like nails."

Thanks, Charles, for a beautifully written, educational, and witty letter. I wouldn't want you to go away believing that my only tool is a hammer; I use Forth, C, and even BASIC (I hope that at least one of those meets your criteria for a high-level language). But I feel most at home with assembly language, and contrary to your assertion that it is not possible to be fluent in more than two assembly languages, I consider myself quite fluent in 8080, Z80, 80x86, PDP-11, and Raytheon 703 assembly language. I can also get by well enough in 6502, 8051, 8096, 68000, and 1802 assembler language. But I admit to total ignorance of the UNIVAC, Data General, and VAX that you mentioned!

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BASIC: Quo Vadis?

In this issue, I discuss the differences between the IBM PC BASICA and the new True BASIC and QuickBASIC. I also include a short utility program to show interdialect translation and discuss several differences in these BASIC dialects.

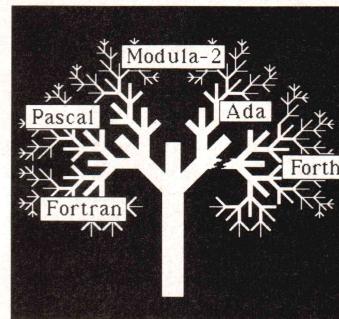
In most cases, BASIC is the language that microcomputer users learn first, and in the IBM PC world, the implementation they encounter is Microsoft's BASICA. BASIC has been judged inadequate for large software projects, difficult to maintain, and lacking many new programming concepts. With the advent of structured languages, such as Turbo Pascal, programmers have been given the taste of better techniques, and the myth that BASIC will always be the language is no longer true.

New BASIC Dialects

The wheel of progress has not spared BASIC from change, however. Two years ago, the original authors of BASIC (Kemeny and Kurtz) launched True BASIC, a more structured implementation that is close to the new proposed ANSI BASIC. Almost simultaneously, Microsoft launched a new BASIC compiler version, QuickBASIC, and in mid-1986, it introduced Version 2.0, which includes a versatile environment. QuickBASIC is not just another compiler for BASICA—it brings with it a new syntax, similar in many instances to that of True BASIC.

by Namir Clement
Shammas

QuickBASIC does not require line numbers; instead, you place alphanumeric labels in your programs to direct branching. True BASIC, however, requires the entire program either to have line numbers or to have none at all. If you use *GOTO* or *GOSUB* in True BASIC, you need the line numbers; otherwise, they are not manda-



tory. To my disappointment, True BASIC does not support labels.

Both True BASIC and QuickBASIC support more structured program code. Multiline functions and subroutines (with argument lists) enable you to create more modular code that is easier to maintain and enhance. The new dialects also implement external libraries with the added notion that not all variables are global, which resembles many features in FORTRAN.

What about translation between BASICA and True BASIC or QuickBASIC? As you may expect, because Microsoft wrote both BASICA and QuickBASIC, the two dialects have many built-in functions and statements in common. As a rule of thumb, the aspects of BASICA not available to the QuickBASIC compiler, such as *CHAIN* and *MERGE*, are related to the interpreter features. In general, BASICA is upward compatible with QuickBASIC.

Translating programs from BASICA to True BASIC requires more work. True BASIC Inc. sells a BASIC converter to handle many systematic conversion steps. Like the Logitech Translator I discussed in my last column, the BASIC converter does not translate 100 percent of the BASICA code. Later I will present a sample BASICA program and its translated versions in True BASIC and QuickBASIC. To pave the way, I will first discuss several differences between the three dialects.

Similarities and Differences

Concerning data types, BASICA and QuickBASIC support an identical set of strings, integers, and single- and double-precision reals. True BASIC

supports even simpler types: strings and numbers. The distinction between integers and reals is context-sensitive—if a number has no fractional part, it is stored as an integer; otherwise, it is stored as a real. String manipulation follows a different syntax in True BASIC. For example, when you extract and assign substrings in BASICA, you use something such as *MIDS(L\$,FIRST%,LONG%)*. In True BASIC this is written as *L\$ FIRST:(LONG +FIRST-1)*. The square brackets and the colon inside them specify the first and last characters (as opposed to the number of characters in BASICA). True BASIC uses the ampersand to concatenate strings and names several string functions differently.

True BASIC supports matrix operators, functions, and I/O procedures. While hand-translating BASICA programs that perform matrix operations, you can substitute blocks of code lines with single *MAT* statements.

Loop constructs in BASICA and QuickBASIC are identical. I look forward to seeing more powerful *REPEAT...UNTIL*-like loops in the next version of QuickBASIC. True BASIC offers a variety of loops that include the *FOR...NEXT*, *DO*, *DO WHILE*, and the double-test *DO WHILE...LOOP WHILE* loops. If you perform manual translation, many BASICA logical loops with *GOTOS* can be rewritten using any of the True BASIC loops, which enhances readability.

Decision-making constructs in QuickBASIC and True BASIC are superior and far more readable than in BASICA. QuickBASIC and True BASIC support multiline *IF...THEN...ELSE...END IF* constructs and even allow for *ELSEIF* clauses. The *ON GOTO* and *ON GOSUB* use labels with QuickBASIC. QuickBASIC does not support the *CASE* statement, whereas True BASIC does. Translating BASICA *IF...THEN...ELSE* statements enables you to use the clearer multiline

version in the other dialects. Gone are the frustrating branchings in the *THEN* or *ELSE* clause that breathe chaos in your program. The *ON GOTO/GOSUB* are easily translated to the superior *SELECT CASE* statement in True BASIC.

How many times have you felt the limitations of BASICA in defining functions? How many times did you have to use a subroutine to simulate multiline functions? QuickBASIC and True BASIC make these painful memories a thing of the past. Now function definitions can extend over numerous lines and freely use loops and decision-making constructs. Whereas True BASIC supports recursive functions, QuickBASIC in its current version does not.

Regarding subroutines, both QuickBASIC and True BASIC support the *GOSUB <label or line number>* and *CALL <subname>* forms. The called subroutines take optional argument lists. Both QuickBASIC and True BASIC provide functions that return the lower and upper bounds of arrays. These functions are vital for writing general-purpose routines that manipulate arrays and matrices.

Both QuickBASIC and True BASIC support external libraries of routines. At the time of writing this column, True BASIC Inc. announced True BASIC, Version 2. One of its highlights is the introduction of modules! I will discuss True BASIC modules in my next column, once I obtain more information on the exact syntax and features. I will also discuss any aspects of similarity between library modules in True BASIC 2.0 and Modula-2. Although BASICA does not support explicit libraries, you may want to consider creating external libraries that contain your favorite and frequently used routines.

BASICA programs that use low-level features (*DEF SEG*, *VARPTR*) translate easily into QuickBASIC. True BASIC does not support such machine-specific statements, however, because they make programs less portable to other machines. For the same reason, the valuable *SHELL()* statement found in both BASICA and QuickBASIC has no similar implementation in True BASIC. The Developer's Toolkit, offered by True BASIC Inc., does provide several low-level access routines for the IBM PC implementation.

High-resolution graphics is another area in which BASICA programs need more effort to be converted into True BASIC. I think that True BASIC's built-in graphics features are superior to those of BASICA. For example, True BASIC supports the *PICTURE* type of routines, special kinds of subroutines that make animation of objects easy.

File I/O is very similar in BASICA and QuickBASIC. True BASIC uses a slightly different syntax and organization, which means additional editing of converted BASICA programs. The *LPRINT* statement in BASICA is not supported by True BASIC. Instead, you must open a buffer for the printer (for example, *OPEN #<Buf_Num> :PRINTER*) and then send all the printer output using "*PRINT #<Buf_Num>*" statements, similar to file output. In translating BASICA programs, you must insert the *OPEN* statement and replace every *LPRINT* with "*PRINT #<Buf_Num> :.*"

Error handling in BASICA and QuickBASIC is also similar, both using the *ON ERROR GOTO* and *RESUME* statements. QuickBASIC uses labels to direct the program flow to error handling sections. True BASIC uses a different and more structured mechanism—a *WHEN ERROR IN... USE... END WHEN* construct. The code section suspected of generating errors is located in the *WHEN* clause and the exception handling code in the *USE* clause. By enclosing the suspected code portion in the *WHEN* clause, the extent of error trapping is most noticeable.

Interdialect Translation

Listing One, page 88, presents a BASICA utility program. The user types in the number and names of data files containing text. This is followed by several search strings, with the options of simply locating or replacing strings with others. The entire set of strings is used in text manipulation with each file. The program prints the text lines found or altered and writes back the text files to update them. The replace mechanism is fully automatic and has no query option.

Using the BASIC converter from True BASIC Inc., I converted the BASICA program. Listing Two, page 89, shows the True BASIC version after manual editing that was needed to

make the program function. The converter inserts several lines at the beginning of the original BASICA listing. These include the use of the *def-lib.tru* library, which contains True BASIC functions that clone certain BASICA functions, listed in lines 25 and 26. Three author functions are defined within the converted program. The *Eof()* function is used by the utility. The *OPTION BASE 0* is also used and does not conflict with my program. Notice the following changes made either by the converter or by hand coding:

1. The original *DEFINT* declaration is rendered passive by converting it into a comment.
2. Each dot character used in the name of a BASICA variable is replaced with two underscore characters.
3. BASICA program lines containing multiple statements are broken down into single statements per line in True BASIC.
4. I inserted line 1945 to open a buffer for printer output. All BASICA *LPRINT* statements were flagged by the converter. I changed each *LPRINT* into *print #9:.*
5. The BASICA *SPC()* function is replaced by *REPEAT\$(" ",<number>)* to produce the same effect. Using *TAB()* is another alternative.
6. The converter moved the BASICA *END* statement from line 3000 to the very end and replaced it with a *stop*. In True BASIC, there must be one and only one *end* statement at the end of the program. If I manually replace the *stop* with *end*, all the subsequent subroutines become external (the current *end* location makes them internal). The difference between internal and external subroutines is in the scope of variables. Internal routines access all the variables of the main program, but external routines do not. Library files containing nothing but external routines must begin with the keyword *EXTERNAL*.
7. I edited the *OPEN* statements for file I/O to add the *create old* clause, which indicates that the file must already exist.
8. I added the *erase #1* in line 9015. This erases the contents of the file before I write back to it. Unlike BASICA, True BASIC does not allow you to overwrite existing text, so you must erase a file before updating its

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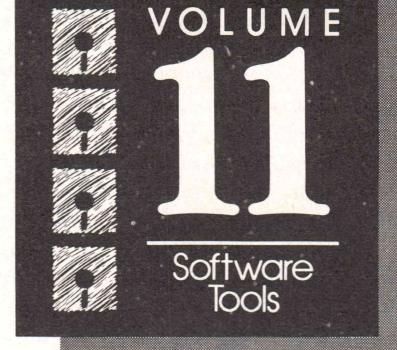
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9. Each assignment statement in True BASIC begins with the keyword *let*. It is mandatory in Version 1, but the new Version 2 enables you to issue a directive and make the *let* optional.

Listing Three, page 91, shows a True BASIC version that differs from that in Listing Two in the following ways:

1. No line numbers are used.
2. Some of the tests in the *IF...THEN* constructs have been reversed to make use of the multiline *THEN* and *ELSE* clauses and to bypass the need for line numbers.
3. Subroutine *CALLS* are used instead of *GOSUB*. I have deliberately used argument lists to give a sense of structured code. I could have made the subroutines parameterless and their code access global variables.
4. The *BASICA NOT EOF()* test used in detecting the end of file is replaced with the True BASIC *MORE #1* func-

tion, which performs the same task.

Listing Four, page 92, shows the first QuickBASIC version of the *BASICA* utility. I wrote it to demonstrate the following QuickBASIC features:

1. No line numbers.
2. The *GOSUB* statements are followed by alphanumeric labels. The corresponding labels are located at the start of each subroutine. This QuickBASIC looks slightly more modular than its parent *BASICA* versions.

Listing Five, page 94, shows the second, more structured QuickBASIC version. The *GOSUB* statements are replaced by subroutine *CALLS*. The argument lists of the subroutines are identical to those of True BASIC in Listing Three. Listings Three and Five show strong similarities between QuickBASIC and True BASIC with respect to program segmentation. This gives you a feeling that both QuickBASIC and True BASIC really promote more structured code. Compared to Pascal, these BASIC dialects retain simple data types with the declaration of variables limited to arrays. Compared to FORTRAN, they represent a true challenge because they offer many of FORTRAN IV and FORTRAN-77's features.

I have focused on the one-way translation of programs written in *BASICA* to QuickBASIC and True BASIC. In a future column, I will look at the two-way translation between QuickBASIC and True BASIC programs. I also plan to look at Better BASIC, another "new wave" BASIC dialect, which I have not discussed this time because of space limitations.

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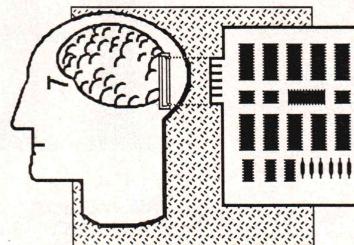
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Object-Oriented Programming

The theme for my next few columns will be object-oriented programming in AI. This is a rather vast but very hot topic, and I'll approach it from a few different vantage points. As mentioned in the previous column, object-oriented languages represent a programming paradigm, which is a much more significant development than just another new programming language or programming technique. Most programming languages to date have been for programming in a single paradigm, that of procedural programming. Because all programmers already know this paradigm, I will concentrate on the newer ones.

As I see it, object-oriented programming is not a direction that is entirely new and without precedent in computer science; rather, it takes various developments in programming languages to their next logical step, for reasons of clarity, modularity, and programming efficiency. In one sense, you can think of object-oriented programming as the programming paradigm that takes structured programming to its natural logical conclusion. In structured programming, variables can be local to a particular procedure and these procedures typically pass arguments such as strings and numbers between them. With object-oriented systems all this is taken much further. Variables are no longer local just to procedures. The main building blocks are now objects—protected areas of sys-



sent and received by objects. In this respect, objects resemble smaller computers within the host computer, each with their own data and code areas.

Most object-oriented systems have at least two different types of objects: classes and instances. Classes may have a logical relation between one another such that one might be the subclass or superclass of another. Generally speaking, the superclass is the more abstract class and the subclass is the more specific. So, for example, if you created the class *Furniture*, then you could create the class *Chair* as the subclass of *Furniture* and *Desk-Chair* as a subclass of *Chair*. In this example, *Furniture* would be the superclass of *Chair*, which is in turn the superclass of *Desk-Chair*.

Object-oriented systems have at least three obvious advantages. One very nice one is that, once you have written the code for a class, you can have as many instances of that class present in the system at the same time as memory will allow. A class is simply a template on which each instance is modeled and provided with its own area of memory that cannot be accessed by any other object except by using the object's own local methods. So, for example, this means that, in an object-oriented system, you can have as many graphics pens, windows, editors, interpreters, and so on as you like copresent without any fear that they will interfere with one another. The second advantage is that, through the mechanism of inheritance, subclasses automatically share all the variables and methods

of their superclasses. This means that you can write greater and greater specializations of functions just by adding the part that is unique—the rest is inherited automatically. The third immediate advantage is that you can provide a uniform interface over the widest possible range of object types because you can use the same name for methods of different objects that have to be implemented differently, and this action can remain invisible to the user. So, for example, you might create different classes for a variety of different geometric polyhedra. Then, for each separate class, you would define the methods volume and surface area. The actual formulas and their implementations would vary, but the calling names would all be the same. Then you could say *Tetrahedron-1* volume or *Cube-3* volume, and in each case methods would be invoked that returned the value of the object's volume.

Some people say that the key advantage of object-oriented programming is the ability to reuse code for many different programs. But in itself this is not significantly different from library functions. The real difference is an improved ability to handle complexity in a transparent manner. An advantage of object-oriented programming that is not necessarily immediately obvious—but which experienced programmers who have worked with these systems will nearly always testify to—is that object-oriented languages give you more leverage in working on very large programs. This does not come for free, though, and it's not guaranteed. Factoring a large program into the right parts is a large part of the battle. It is also necessary to learn the right techniques for managing the code and making life easy for the members of a programming team. Object-oriented systems are usually diffuse,

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tem memory—which can have both local variables and local procedures. Moreover, the building blocks do not communicate with one another just by passing arguments. The procedures themselves, usually called methods, which are local to objects, are actually the messages that are

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with parts of applications being dispersed among a large number of classes and subclasses. To program efficiently with such a system, it is essential to have the proper tools and an effective method for keeping the application well focused and well organized.

It is important to point out that object-oriented programming cannot be regarded as an easy thing to pick up rapidly, as it is a totally different paradigm from the one to which most programmers are accustomed. As programming approaches go, it is a knowledge-intensive one. In other words, the readily available modular code is only useful providing that programmers know what they have available to them and how it may be best used. Many programmers resist learning new languages, not to speak of new programming paradigms, so it is important to spell out again in clear-cut, pragmatic terms just what the real advantages are to programming with objects. As I see it, there are four main ones:

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Object-Oriented LISP: An Overview

Although Smalltalk was the first true general-purpose object-oriented language, and implementations such as Digitalk's Smalltalk/V are specifically aimed at AI applications, the main uses of this programming paradigm so far in AI have been with object-oriented LISP. The reason for this is probably because people in the AI

field are most familiar with LISP.

The most interesting things that have occurred with object-oriented LISP are some of the clear innovations it has made in object-oriented programming generally. Not only did LISP have little difficulty absorbing the object-oriented paradigm but also it introduced some important innovations to this programming approach as it did so. I would like to discuss three innovations in particular—mixins, method combination, and multimethods. The mixin feature is the LISP version of multiple inheritance, which consists of the ability to create a new class that inherits from more than just a single superclass. In effect, it means the ability to build an object hierarchy that can be a network or tangled hierarchy rather than just a simple tree. Although multiple inheritance is theoretically present in the latest release of Smalltalk-80, it was an afterthought in this language and has nothing close to approaching the readily usable and trouble-free operation of mixins in object-oriented LISP.

Method combination is a bit more difficult to explain than mixins but is no less important. The first appearance of user-defined method combination in LISP was with Symbolics' Flavors system. This system does not just copy the approach to method combination used in Smalltalk but introduces a new approach. The Flavors implementation lays stress on the order in which components are combined to produce a flavor. This is particularly true with methods, the procedures that are local to flavors. The heart of the Flavors system is the way the methods of various components are combined. The problem is this: if you define a flavor that inherits from several other flavors or classes, each of which have their own specialized versions of the same message, then how will the method for this new flavor be constructed? The Flavors system offers a variety of ways for combining methods and even provides for user-defined method combinations. It is designed so that, if you want to, you can define entirely new ways of combining methods.

The default for method combination in Flavors is to ignore all but the latest implementation of the method,

meaning the one defined in the most specific of the flavors from which the new flavor will inherit. If you decide to define an entirely new method for the new flavor, then all the others will naturally be overridden. The general format for the more complex types of method combination in Flavors is for one flavor to be selected to provide the primary method and for any other flavors to provide what are called daemon methods. The primary method has control of handling the main function associated with the message, whereas the daemon methods are responsible for subsidiary tasks.

Flavors has two kinds of daemon methods—*before* and *after*. The terminology is derived from the order in which the method functions are called. The basic way that combined methods work is that they first call all the before methods, then the primary method, and finally all the after methods. Each of these component methods is passed the same arguments in turn as were passed to the combined method. Only the values returned by the primary method will be returned by the combined method, however. All values returned by the daemon methods are ignored. If there is more than one before method, then the before methods are called in the same order as that in which the flavors are combined, whereas after methods are called in reverse order.

What is the point of these method combinations? They can have a variety of different uses, but one of the most obvious is to provide an additional type of modularity that captures the whole spirit of the object-oriented approach. With method combination, if you can't find all you want for a flavor method in any of the flavors from which it will be inheriting, yet part of what you want is available, then method combination can often save you from having to rewrite the entire function from scratch. What you can do is select a method to inherit that can serve as your primary method. Then you just write the before and after methods that can be added to this primary method to produce the desired result. Naturally this won't be possible in all cases. It will work only in situations in which the function desired

can be combined from several separate functions. You will find that this applies to a surprisingly large number of cases, however.

Multimethods, a capability first made available in CommonLoops, could well be the most important contribution object-oriented LISP has made so far to object-oriented programming. Multimethods are functions that can be considered as messages to any number of types of objects. Prior to the development of multimethods, object-oriented LISP made a distinction between the object to which a message was sent and the arguments to the message procedure. So, in the expression:

(send Rectangle draw-at 10 40)

the class *Rectangle* is solely responsible for recognizing the message and is distinguished from the numbers 10 and 40, which are arguments to the *draw-at* message. This is somewhat artificial, for in Smalltalk numbers are treated as instances of the class *Number* and arithmetical operations such as multiplication are considered as messages to the numbers to multiply themselves. Multimethods take this even further by considering the class to which a message is sent as just another one of the arguments. In principle any number of arguments can be passed to a multimethod, and each of the arguments is an instance of its own class. So a multimethod is really a message to an indefinite number of objects, with the method combination required to complete this message determined by the actual arguments used.

One "problem" with object-oriented LISP is that it is just too popular for its own good. It has become a favorite tool not only for programming AI applications but also for systems programming and developing user interfaces. The result of this diversity is a somewhat conflicting set of requirements for users of different types. Systems programmers and those developing user interfaces and advanced graphics applications are usually interested in high-performance, bug-free code. AI researchers are willing to trade some performance for greater flexibility and generality.

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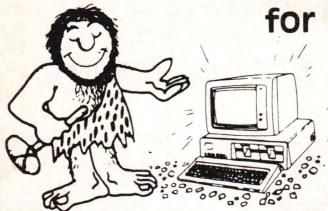


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siderations in using object-oriented LISP for AI purposes? As I have already suggested, certainly one of the most important is the dynamic behavior of class systems. This refers to the ability of an object system to change dynamically to reflect changing circumstances in the world. In many AI programs it is of considerable importance that the system be able to update itself automatically to a greater or lesser degree. It is helpful to consider what this implies.

A minimum condition for such an automatic system is to keep a running tally of all the system's current objects of various kinds in a form that is easily accessible. In LISP this generally means maintaining a list of such items and being able to update the list as necessary. More specifically, it is necessary to be able to access at any given time all the instances that are currently alive and know their classes. If the system does not already do this in some way, then it is essential that it at least support the minimum functions that would allow these features to be implemented.

Closely related to this requirement is the ability to write functions that can create new objects with names that are determined only at run time. Although this may sound trivial, in LISP it is easy to create new objects by programming them with names the programmer specifies in the code, but it is not nearly as straightforward to write functions that automatically create objects when needed with names that have to be specified at the time. Compared with this, "uncreating" objects is relatively trivial. If there is no function corresponding to *remob* in use, then it is still always possible to make a new object with the same name as the uncreated one and set it equal to nil.

Such functions are necessary for creating what are known as composite objects, for example. These are objects of a complex structure that contain other objects as parts. So, for example, a *desk* object could be described as a composite object composed of a *top*, *legs*, and *drawers*. In such a case, the components might well be instances of classes in their own right. To create a composite ob-

ject automatically, therefore, would involve naming and creating all those instances that are parts of the composite.

In a sense, the parts of a composite object can form another hierarchy that can exist alongside the abstraction hierarchy of classes containing the main composite object. The composite object approach seems to have real limits as far as creating very large hierarchies is concerned, however. It is difficult to imagine creating very large systems such as spacecraft in any degree of detail. Are such systems necessary? If you want to be able eventually to create deep systems for diagnosing problems and predicting various consequences in emergency situations, or even for failure-mode analysis for design purposes, then such systems appear to be indispensable.

Many LISP programmers are anxious for an object-oriented extension to Common LISP and wish there were already such a standard for the dialect. At the present time several LISP vendors have developed their own proposed extensions, which they hope will be adopted as the standard object-oriented extension to Common LISP.

In the Spotlight

I asked some experts in object-oriented LISP both what they wanted to see happen and what they thought would happen in the quest to develop an agreed-upon standard for object-oriented programming in Common LISP. Currently, there is an organized effort to develop such a standard with formal ANSI recognition. Toward that end, a committee has been formed to draft a proposed standard that will then be made available to the programming community for its feedback so that a true "community standard" might emerge. The members of this object-oriented working group include Dan Bobrow and Gregor Kiczales of Xerox; David Moon, Dan Weinreb, and Sonja Keene of Symbolics; Richard Gabriel and Linda Demichael of Lucid; Jim Kempf of Hewlett-Packard; and Patrick Dussud of Texas Instruments.

Gabriel is the president of Lucid, a vendor of Common LISP for a variety of different machines, and author of

the book *Performance and Evaluation of Lisp Systems* (MIT Press, 1985). I spoke to him regarding the developing standard for an object-oriented extension to Common LISP. Gabriel sees his own role as a kind of "buffer zone" to help mediate the potentially inflammatory relations between Xerox, advocate of CommonLoops, and Symbolics, advocate of New Flavors. Although Gabriel is not optimistic about the solution of many of the subtle problems in formulating an adequate standard rapidly, he feels that a reasonable standard is emerging that has many of the features of New Flavors "on the surface" while utilizing much of CommonLoops "underneath."

I asked Gabriel about some of the difficult issues involved in formulating the new standard, such as the issue of dealing somehow with the fact that readable code is often not efficient and, conversely, efficient code is often not readable. Gabriel admits that this is a pervasive problem that will not go away easily. One difficulty is that often programmers who know the details of a given application can find various ways to exploit certain idiosyncrasies of the way it is coded to improve performance considerably. Tricks of this kind are obviously specific to the particular application and are often opaque to another programmer reading the code. The main reason for this, according to Gabriel, is that "most efficient code uses side effects to a considerable degree." Gabriel thinks that advanced knowledge-based systems for program optimization will ultimately be necessary to solve this problem. Another possibility is parallel LISP because, as Gabriel points out, "the programs with the least side effects run fastest on parallel machines." Gabriel is currently working on Qlisp, a parallel LISP language, with John McCarthy, the inventor of LISP.

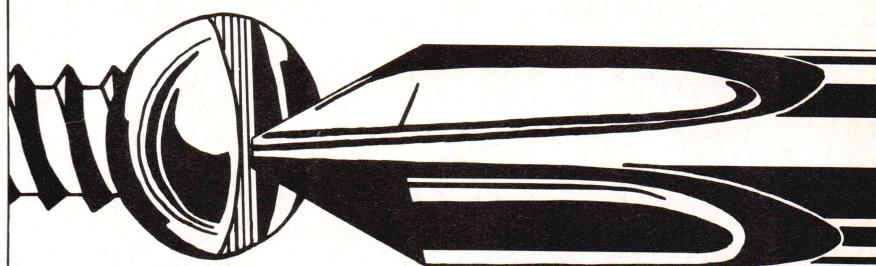
Another problem specific to object-oriented systems is that currently instances in most systems are strictly subservient to classes in that an instance object is always an instance of one and only one predefined class, which is used as a kind of template for creating the instance. This has a built-in bias for the abstract over the concrete, which could put a limit on

the type of object-oriented AI programs that can be written. For example, it might be highly desirable in certain AI programs that an object be created that is not initially an instance of any particular class but that later on might be. One way around this would be to first make the object an instance of a neutral holder class, such as *Object* in Smalltalk or *t* in CommonLoops, and have a provision for changing the object's parent class at a later time.

Another person I asked for comments about the object-oriented extension to Common LISP was Gerry Barber, chief scientist at Gold Hill Computers, the main vendor for a subset of Common LISP on MS-DOS machines. The main issues Barber and his group at Gold Hill seem concerned about are that the standard make use of those features that are well understood and trouble-free. In this respect, he has some doubts about the metaobject protocol that forms the heart of CommonLoops. Barber is apparently not as confident as members of the standards working committee are that the metaclass approach that works so well in Smalltalk and CommonLoops is well-tested enough in the LISP environment to find a place in the standard. He agrees that it would be desirable to have a system that has an inherent flexibility and generality, but "it is important," he says, "to find the right generality and the right flexibility." Barber sums up the outlook at Gold Hill as follows: "Our strategy is to rely on things that have been shown not to have problems." Regardless of whether the new standard is ready in time, Gold Hill plans to release its own object-oriented extension to Common LISP—a system that will probably closely resemble the Flavors system from Symbolics—early in 1987.

The third person I spoke to on the same topic was Dan Bobrow of the Intelligent Systems Laboratory at Xerox PARC, considered by many to be the foremost authority on object-oriented programming in AI. Compared with Gabriel and Barber, Bobrow is most optimistic concerning the emerging standard for objects in Common LISP. He doesn't feel that what has been reached so far is simply a compromise between the Xerox

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and Symbolics proposals. He feels that what is happening is a genuine synthesis of the best ideas that are around right now in object-oriented LISP. To him, the atmosphere is not one of tension between competing proposals but rather a true professional collaboration, much in the same spirit that produced the original Common LISP standard.

I also asked Bobrow what some of the limitations might be with the emerging standard. Here again, his answers were positive. For example, I raised some of the issues I had discussed with Gabriel, such as the need in advanced AI applications to be able to have the same object simultaneously present in several different hierarchies. Here he felt certain that the new standard did not rule out the ability to program such applications. I also raised the issue of efficiency and trouble-free operation vs. adaptability and flexibility. Once again he was optimistic and indicated that it would indeed be possible to include different compilation options for different uses of objects. This would mean, for example, that those programmers using objects for systems programming and user interfaces, who are primarily interested in producing fast, unmodifiable, trouble-free code, could use one compilation and those who use objects in AI programs that need to have greater flexibility and the ability to modify themselves dynamically could use a different compilation option. In this way, both types of users could be satisfied.

In my next column I'll continue the theme of object-oriented AI by focusing on some specific implementations of object-oriented languages.

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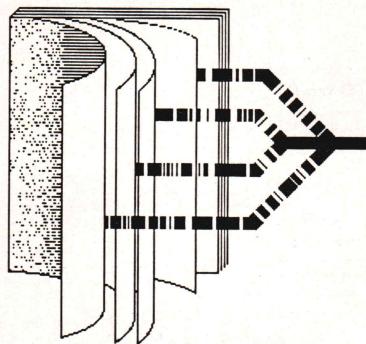
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I know that this is going to sound crazy, but I was sitting at my desk at work, talking to a coworker who was running Microsoft Word on a 6-MHz IBM PC/AT with a CGA. I was finishing my lunch, crunching on one of those big hard pretzels, when I noticed that every time I crunched the screen image moved! Nothing else did, just the image on the screen, which seemed to get smaller along the vertical axis, as if the tube lost power momentarily. This is not a real change in the image because you have to be crunching to see the effect, but everybody else who tried it saw the same thing. Our assumption is that the vibrations set up when you crunch are some multiple of the vertical frame rate, causing an apparent change in the screen. On some machines I can see the vertical retrace line when I try this. It doesn't seem to happen on a TV set.

Is anybody interested in trying this out and seeing if it is a universal phenomenon? We've been talking about trying to measure the 'crunch frequencies' with an accelerometer but haven't tried it yet.

P.S. It works with hard cookies, too.

***There is a reply: 8538

#: 8538
Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Ray Duncan [DDJFORUM]

76703,4265

It's not crazy. I've been noticing the same thing for about a year in my office. The funny thing is, I never see it on my *own* screen, but I can easily see it on the screen of the guy who sits on the other side of the room. I always assumed it was 'real' and wondered why he never said anything about it, and I never really could dream up a reason for it.

*** There is a reply: 8549

#: 8549

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Pete Becker 76347,3151

I'd guess it's physiological. Maybe the vibration from the crunch shakes the retina or something. Such an effect would be more pronounced on distant objects: because they produce a smaller image, an identical displacement is proportionately much larger.

*** There is a reply: 8552

#: 8552

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Chris Johnston

71505,1752

That makes a lot of sense. We have an HP spectrum analyzer and one of those accelerometer-hammer things that you use for measuring the vibration frequencies of mechanical parts. You give the item a whack to excite it, and then it senses the vibrations that result. We have been thinking about trying the pretzel crunch test with the accelerometer pressed firmly against a cheekbone to see what happens. My bet is the resultant frequencies are some multiple of the 60-Hz vertical frame rate.

*** There is a reply: 8554

#: 8554

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Pete Becker 76347,3151

There probably aren't any well-defined resultant frequencies—just a bunch of garbage, which, of course,

consists of all frequencies. I suppose a true controlled experiment would consist of putting the accelerometer against your cheekbone and hitting your jaw with a hammer so you have reproducible conditions. Any volunteers?

*** There are replies: 8555,
8603

#: 8603

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Chris Johnston

71505,1752

No, I think I will skip the 'hit your jaw with a hammer part.' Somebody at work did suggest putting strain gauges on the pretzel! I'll try to remember to fire up the accelerometer/frequency analysis system and try out the less painful part of the test. I'll let you know!

#: 8555

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: jhon stanley 73765,1026

The wiggle is not psychological—it really exists. It is due to the vibration of the muscles of the eye, which try to correct themselves and therefore move the eye. It is so common that the brain automatically corrects for it. It can do a great job correcting those things that do not move but has trouble with moving things—like, for example, a band of light sweeping down the face of a CRT. The region of the CRT lit at any given time is small, maybe 1/2–1-inch tall. If your eye moves up while the band moves down, the screen will appear taller. Likewise, move the eye down and the picture gets smaller (somewhat like moving an original on the copy machine while the machine scans it). So, vibrate, and the picture wiggles.

I have shown this to many people, and they are always amazed. They don't believe it until they try it themselves.

*** There are replies: 8564,
8604

#: 8604

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Chris Johnston

71505,1752

As I understand it, the eye wiggles a little all the time because nerves that are continuously stimulated shut down after a little while. The places where the receptors see light and dark alternate is near an edge. At a low level, we have an automatic edge discriminator built into the system.

#: 8564

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Pete Becker 76347,3151

To: jhon stanley 73765,1026

I said 'physiological,' not psychological! Your explanation sounds good.

#: 8637

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: jhon stanley 73765,1026

The same thing happens, I have noticed recently, with LED clocks. The digits are scanned, as in a CRT, so the numbers also wiggle when you chew.

*** There is a reply: 8639

#: 8639

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: Pete Becker 76347,3151

Synchronicity! I was at my sister's this afternoon, and she called me into the kitchen and asked me to click my teeth together while looking at the clock on her microwave oven. Of course, I wouldn't do anything so undignified, but I gave her your explanation.

*** There is a reply: 8696

#: 8696

Sb: Screen Weirdness!

Fm: jhon stanley 73765,1026

I told a friend of mine at work to go brththththphphphhtttt at the 19-inch monitor we use because it would do something neat. He gave me this funny look and a half-heart-

ed brrththt. I told him to try again. He did, and the look on his face told me he saw the effect. Ain't science wonderful?

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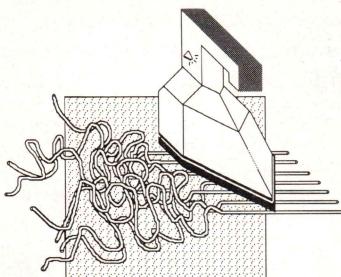
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More BASIC Modules and Libraries

One of the shortcomings of the early versions of microcomputer BASIC was the absence of formal libraries of reusable code. The lack of support for multiline functions, callable BASIC subroutines, and local variables weakened any attempts to "simulate" BASIC libraries. The implementors of "new wave" BASICs, a phrase you will hear often, have recognized the need for supporting user-defined libraries. The solutions given by these new BASICs vary in the degree of flexibility and syntax, however. Let's take a look.

QuickBASIC lets you create libraries in two steps. First, you write the source code for a library and compile it into .OBJ form. The next step is to "build" an .EXE library file by using BUILDLIB.EXE, which is supplied with QuickBASIC. BUILDLIB.EXE is able to take one or more library object files and create a bigger library. To avoid confusion between libraries in .OBJ and .EXE files, you can rename the former as sublibraries. QuickBASIC permits your BASIC programs to use one library only. The default library is USERLIB.EXE, but you can instruct BUILDLIB.EXE to create libraries with other names. You must specify these library names when invoking QuickBASIC from the DOS command line.

The preceding discussion gives the impression that QuickBASIC supports one library at a time. The good news is that you can expand and update your .EXE library files by including new or modified sublibraries. To do this, you must store the .OBJ sublibrary files because you may rebuild a library periodically.

Example 1, below, shows a short subroutine that calculates the square root of a number using Newton's method. The library body has no formal declaration. Functions in QuickBASIC libraries are local to the library, so I have used a callable subroutine instead. A client QuickBASIC program need not make any special declarations to use the library subroutines; the burden falls on the program author to document external subroutine calls. The scheme of calling library subroutines in QuickBASIC offers a good degree of language extension.

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syntax LIBRARY <library names list> to indicate the files containing the sought libraries. Functions imported from libraries must be declared in DECLARE DEF <function names list> statements. This feature of True BASIC permits you to maintain libraries in a more independent way than you can in QuickBASIC. In addition, libraries can call other libraries in True BASIC—a valuable feature for modular software development.

Example 2, below, shows the square root function in a True BASIC library. The library/module loading feature enables you to do away with explicit LIBRARY and DECLARE DEF statements related to the loaded libraries. In that respect, True BASIC also offers a vehicle for language extension.

BetterBASIC supports modules, so much so that the implementation itself is modular. A customizable configuration text file is used to list the modules that are loaded into memo-

```

SUB SQROOT(X,S) static
  IF X >= 0 THEN
    ACCR = 1.0E-8
    S = X / 2
    WHILE ABS(S * S - X) > ACCR
      S = (X / S + S) / 2
    WEND
  ELSE
    S = -1 ' result for a negative argument
  END IF
END SUB

```

Example 1: QuickBASIC library subroutine to compute the square root using Newton's method

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EXTERNAL ! declaration needed to define a True BASIC library
DEF FNSQRT(X)

IF X >= 0 THEN
  LET Accr = 1.0E-8
  LET S = X / 2
  DO WHILE ABS(S * S - X) > ACCR
    LET S = (X / S + S) / 2
  LOOP
  LET FNSQRT = S
ELSE
  LET FNSQRT = -1 ! result for a negative argument
END IF

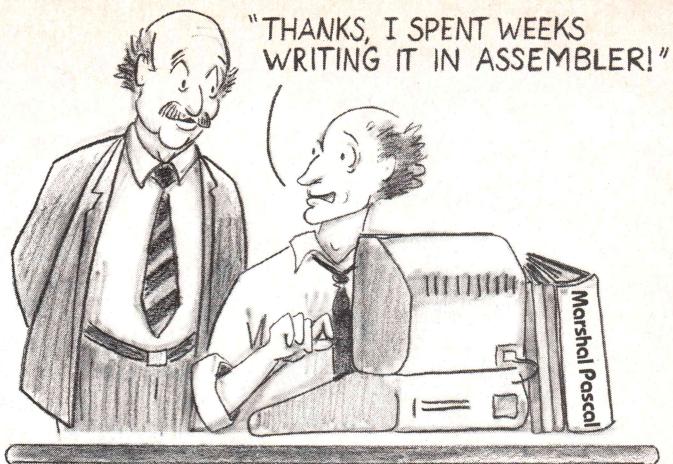
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Example 2: True BASIC library function to compute the square root using Newton's method.

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try to provide your BASIC applications with additional routines. Some of the libraries are used to make Better BASIC compatible with BASICA.

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Example 3, below, shows a module that exports the BetterBASIC version of my square root function. Notice that BetterBASIC requires line numbers in some portions of the code. The declarations of variables are similar to those of Pascal (more about this in a future column). BetterBASIC uses a reserved identifier *RESULT* instead of the function name to return the result of a function. Also notice that the function arguments are not listed immediately after the function name but on the line that follows the function name declaration.

The implementation of libraries in the new wave BASICs, among other new features, offers an enhanced level of software engineering. The

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REAL: S, Accr
10 Accr = 1.0E-8
20 S = X / 2
30 WHILE ABS(S * S - X) > Accr DO
40 S = (X / S + S) / 2
50 REPEAT
60 RESULT = S
END FUNCTION

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Example 3: BetterBASIC library function to compute the square root using Newton's method

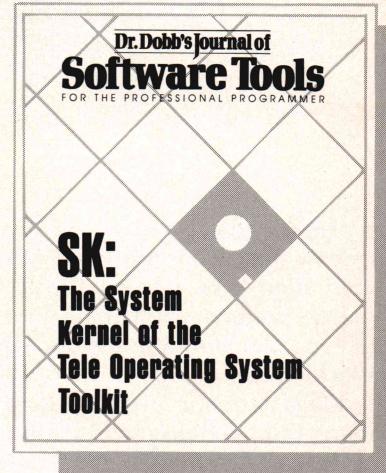
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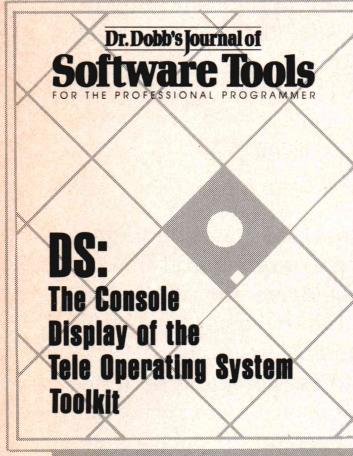
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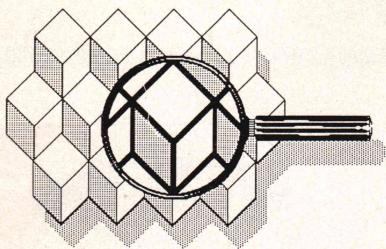
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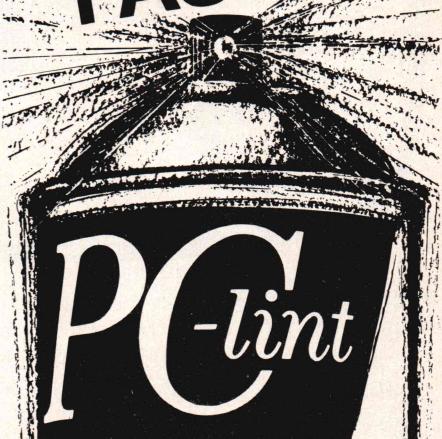
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    for (i=0; i<termlim; i++) {
        ptr = malloc ( NODESIZE );
        if (!i)
            head = tail = ptr;
        else {
            tail->next=ptr;
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    return ( termlim );
}
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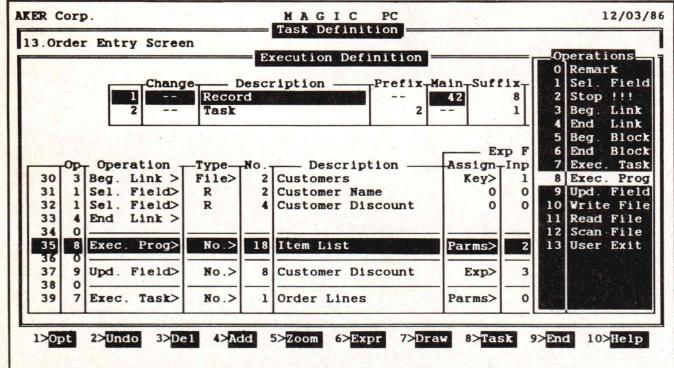
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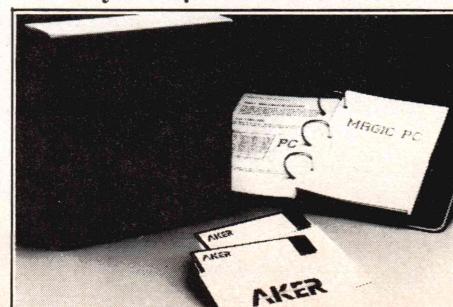
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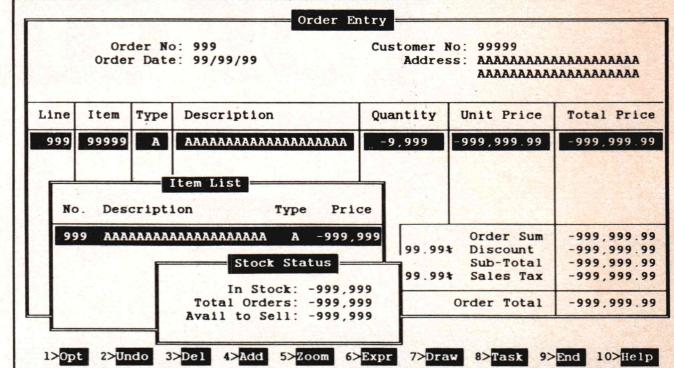
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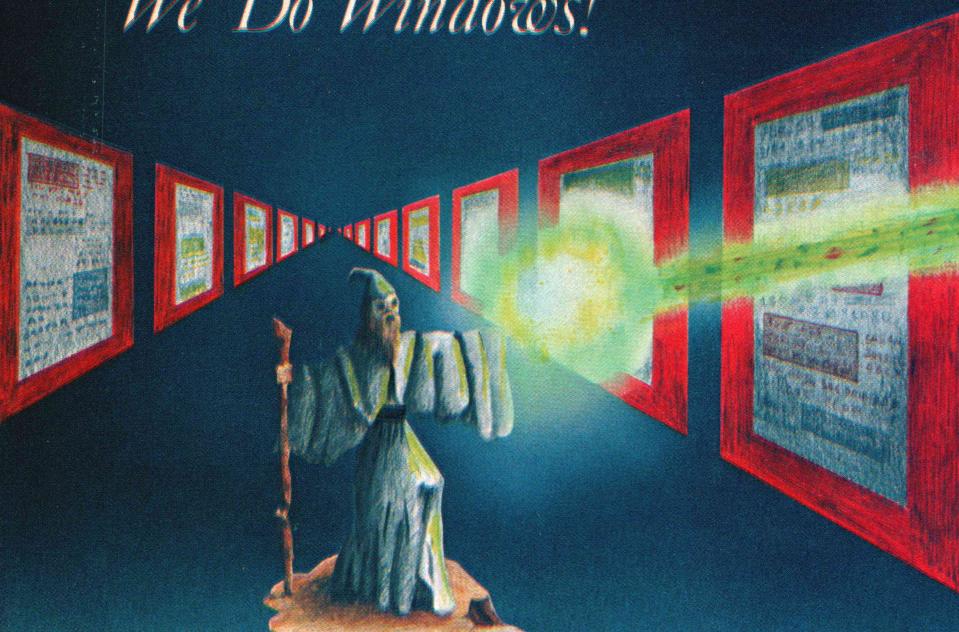
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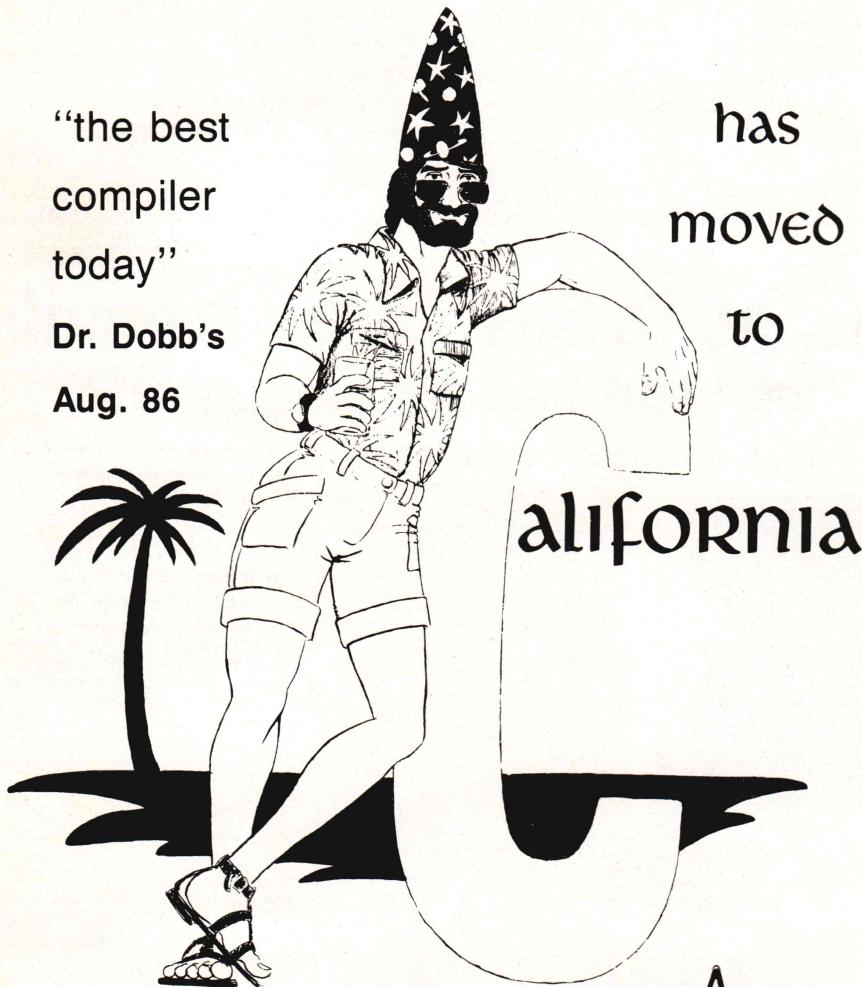
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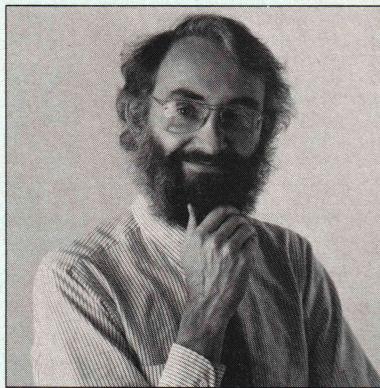
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A computer system that encapsulates the knowledge of experts (including heuristic decision processes) for retrieval by the inexpert but naturally intelligent is called an expert system. There are many expert systems in existence throughout the world today. When a British health association recently recommended that each health district in Great Britain avail itself of a (presumably human) expert on AIDS, it discovered that there were fewer AIDS experts than health districts in Britain. Enter the AIDS expert system.

At Warwick University in Great Britain, a team of computer scientists under the direction of Dr. Roger Britain is scanning more than 100 articles a month on AIDS, building a knowledge base that will help doctors counsel AIDS patients and serve as a research and diagnostic tool. The project builds on a prototype system for rabies patients and is expected to cost some £20,000 and result in a piece of software that can run on a mainframe or microcomputer.

Despite some recent press grumblings about expert systems technology not being the miracle the same press had made it out to be, expert systems are useful tools in just such situations as AIDS diagnosis—in fact, many of the fundamental expert systems techniques were developed in a medical diagnostic framework called MYCIN. (We have received and expect to publish next month a MYCIN-like expert system.) The Warwick project sounds practical and may actually make a contribution to putting the brakes on the AIDS epidemic. That's great, and because I try to maintain a positive mental attitude in this column, I won't suggest that the three major American television networks are making a counterbalancing contribution to the spread of the disease with their refusal to carry condom advertising.



I learned about the AIDS expert system in a news item in the Christmas 1986 issue of a British weekly called *New Scientist*. This periodical is worth the time of any scientifically curious and naturally intelligent person on either side of the Atlantic. Erstwhile *DDJ* resident intern Dave Cortesi and I have shared a deep fondness for *New Scientist* for years (something like our fondness for Jon Bentley's Programming Pearls column in *IEEE Software* and our respect for at least the intentions of the best science fiction, this last being what Dave is currently writing). *New Scientist*'s snipes at the British government are often (to me) funny and its humor is largely (to me) incomprehensible, but everything else is gold. There is more to think about in six weeks of *New Scientist* than in twelve months of *Scientific American*.

A videophone system for the deaf that handles the bandwidth problem by abstracting essential expressive and gestural cues into an animated cartoon of the caller is something I've followed off and on for years; the latest word on this University of Essex project appeared in the October 23 issue of *New Scientist*. The November 27 issue talked about progress toward standardization on a Unix application interface, which could be the biggest boost for Unix since Bell Labs gave it to the universities. The December 18 issue had brief items on Texas Instruments' trenching technology for 3-D 4-megabit memory chips and on European research into sixth generation computers (see also

"Sixth Generation Computers" by Richard Grigonis in the May 1984 *DDJ*. It's a good magazine.

January brought one of the most enjoyable of the computer trade shows: Macworld Expo. The atmosphere this year was particularly charged, and there were products and announcements significant enough to support the electricity.

Steve Jasik showed off his debugger MacNosey Part Two: The Debugger. His slogan: Beyond Discipline and Into Bondage. The Interface Builder from Expertelligence looked interesting: it lets you put a Mac interface on LISP programs. The Developers' Toolkit panel, with moderator Scott Knaster (manager of the Developer Technical Support Group at Apple), MicroPhone author Dennis Brothers, Jim Friedlander of Apple, and David Intersimoni of Borland, talked encouragingly about MacApp and APDA, the Apple Programmer's and Developer's Association.

One East Coast writer out for the Expo was sometime *Rolling Stone* writer Steven Levy, who some think was the model for the John Travolta character in the less-than-perfect movie *Perfect*. Levy definitely was one of the founders of the Lunch Bunch, a group of technology writers who ate hamburgers together on two coasts. The Lunch Bunch has served up at least one book and has now spun off a dinner group gourmandizing in Silicon Valley under the label Nerd's Night Out. January's menu called for a discussion of Apple's new machines, but the most knowledgeable sources decided that they couldn't talk about that and canceled. How Apple has changed.

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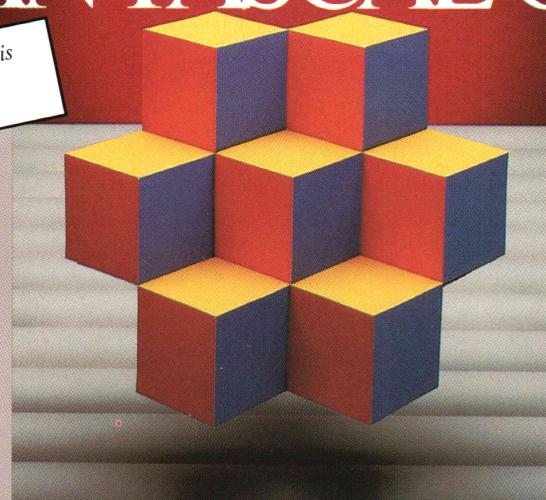
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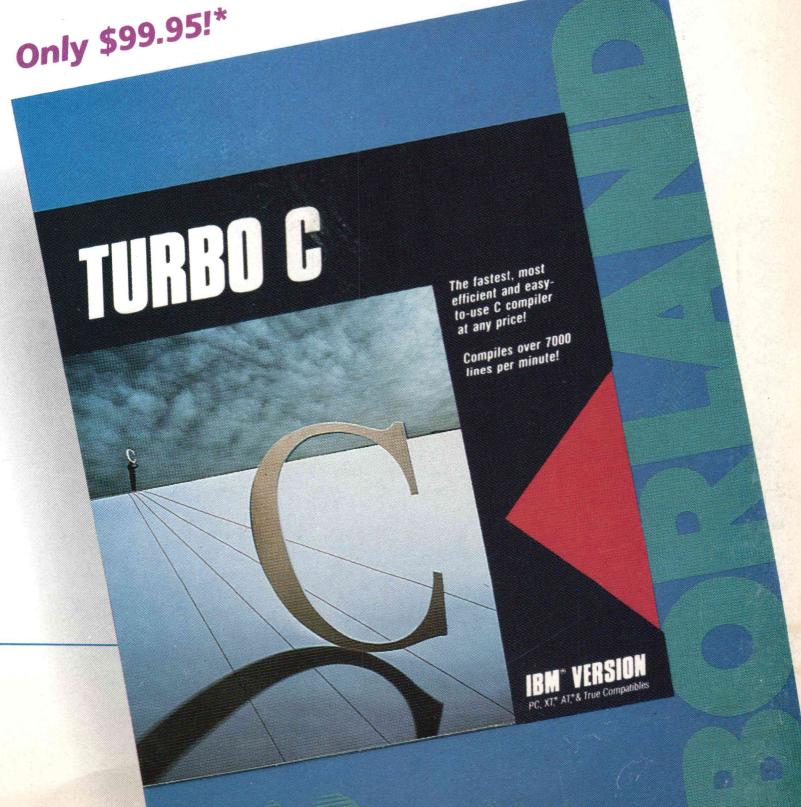
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